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# Smith turnabout may mean British role in talks on Rhodesia

Britain has been all but invited to take part in the constitutional talks on Rhodesia, Mr Ian Smith indicated in Salisbury yesterday in what he acknowledged was a change of tactics. Mr Callaghan has sent Mr Smith a message and yesterday he received a reply. But the fear in London is that the Rhodesian leader may once again be playing for time and there is doubt that his attitude has changed.

## Salisbury admits change of tactics

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, Feb 20

Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, has all but invited the British Government to take part in talks aimed at achieving a constitutional settlement for Rhodesia. He told Parliament today that if Britain was prepared to make what he called a realistic effort to assist in a settlement he would give serious consideration to the idea.

In what can only be interpreted as a serious turnabout in policy, the Rhodesian leader admitted that a stage had been reached in the history of Rhodesia when there had to be a change of tactics. The talks between Mr Smith and Mr Joshua Nkomo, the African National Council leader, are due to resume in Salisbury next Thursday. It is now believed here that a senior British envoy and his staff will arrive in time to take their places round the table.

Mr Smith said in his speech, delivered in grave tones before a legislative Assembly that was nearly full, that after the disastrous debacle it had been mutually agreed between the British and Rhodesian governments that there had to be a change of tactics over the settlement issue.

All previous negotiations had been on a government-to-government basis. It was agreed that an effort should be made to try to reach an internal settlement by direct negotiation between the Rhodesian Government and African leaders within Rhodesia.

After the African National Council, led by Bishop Abel Muzorewa, had rejected an agreement reached between Mr Smith and the bishop in June, 1974, the ANC tried to persuade the British Government to call a constitutional conference in London, and they kept up this pressure until about the middle of last year. The British Government, said Mr Smith, declined to do so, no doubt because they had judged quite correctly that he would not attend. He did not believe such a conference would succeed.

He was convinced that the best hope of success lay in close and detailed discussions between a small number of principals from each side and he was happy when Mr Nkomo made this suggestion at their last meeting.

"However, there is a greater urgency today because of the changed circumstances in Southern Africa. Although the immediate Russian objective lies in Southern Africa, this is but one step towards their aim of depriving the free world of their strategic mineral requirements, which they obtain from these areas, and at the same time giving the communists control of the vital Cape sea route."

Mr Smith added: "The most recent development on the settlement issue is a communication which I have received from the British Foreign Secretary. I have today sent my reply to him. Clearly, because of the Russian attempt to eliminate the influence of the free world from the southern portion of the African continent, a new situation presents itself. Accordingly, once again I believe we have reached a stage in our history where it could be beneficial to change our tactics.

"If the British Government is prepared to make a constructive and realistic effort to assist in our settlement, then I believe we must give this serious consideration." Many Rhodesians were no doubt concerned, he said, at the irresponsible utterances about Rhodesia which had recently emanated from certain quarters of the British Government. He shared this concern.

"However, I know from experience that some politicians have the habit of making speeches in order to impress particular audiences. Accordingly, these change to fit in with varying circumstances. In time we will find out what the true attitude of the British Government is towards Rhodesia.

"It may well be that in this new effort, as has happened in the past, we shall not succeed in reaching our goal, of a settlement. The task is a formidable one. Nevertheless, I am convinced that it is our duty to try and try honestly and sincerely and to the very best of our ability."

Earlier in his speech, Mr Smith referred to brutal treatment by guerrillas of a tribesman whose ears fingers and toes had been sliced off. He hoped the World Council of Churches took note of what had happened. "Let them cease salving their consciences by claiming that they provide only what they called humanitarian aid for the terrorists, secure in the knowledge that the weapons, the land mines, the bombs are provided by the communists."

There was a general welcome by most political groups in Rhodesia for Mr Smith's speech. Mr Nkomo said he was pleased with the decision to approach Britain and two white opposition parties said the Prime Minister had at last faced the reality of the situation.

Mr Mark Doyle, executive officer of the Rhodesia Party, said: "We will have to shed the attitudes, comfortable and self-satisfying as they may have been, and come to grips with the Africa of the seventies."

Mr Patrick Bashford, president of the Liberal Centre Party, said Russian involvement in Southern Africa had obviously added an entirely new dimension. Mr Smith was wise to adopt an entirely fresh tactical approach.

But Mr William Harper, leader of the right-wing United Conservative Party, disagreed. By asking Britain, "we could end up with something worse than the five principles".

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## US briefed by special envoy

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Callaghan, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, has sent a message to Mr Ian Smith, inquiring if he now means the British Government is to become involved. This disclosure was made after Mr Smith's statement in Salisbury that Britain had made him a new offer.

That would seem to rate the British message rather too highly, judging from Mr Callaghan's statement about it. What has happened is that Mr Callaghan received indirect messages about a change of attitude by Mr Smith, indicating that he would like to see the British Government become directly involved in the negotiations again.

Mr Callaghan sent a message to him a few days ago—there are unofficial channels for delivering such notes—inquiring if the reports received in London were accurate.

There is no great hope in London that Mr Smith's attitude really has changed, but at a time when the situation in Southern Africa has become so fraught with danger, and the recent talks between Mr Smith and Mr Joshua Nkomo, the African national leader, are under great strain, every opportunity is considered worth following up.

But as Mr Callaghan's statement yesterday noted, the gap between Mr Smith's position and that of the African National Council seemed very wide. "I stressed that the British Government could become involved only if they were satisfied that Mr Smith was ready to be flexible, and that it would be necessary for him to go much further than he seemed to have done so far to meet the current African proposals", he said.

The fear in London is that Mr Smith may once again be playing for time. His reply to Mr Callaghan, who was at home with a cold yesterday, arrived at the Foreign Office last night and was being studied. But if anything positive is to emerge, it should be clear in a matter of days.

What can be said at this stage is that Britain will take no action without the support of the four Presidents—the leaders of Zambia, Tanzania, Botswana and Mozambique—who have been in close touch since the start of this phase of Rhodesian talks, when Mr Callaghan went to Africa

Looking ahead to a constitutional conference is extremely premature in the British view. The first point to establish is what Mr Smith now thinks about the situation. The recent visit to Southern Africa by a senior British official, it may be noted, had nothing to do with this initiative.

The implication, however, if the Government is to become "involved", is that Britain would take a direct part in the talks between Mr Smith and Mr Nkomo, to try to rescue them from failure, or would convene talks among a wider group. But involvement certainly excludes any military intervention.

Fred Emery writes from Washington: The high-level British emissary to Southern Africa who last week came to Washington for high level consultations was Sir Antony Duff, Assistant Under Secretary at the Foreign Office for Near Eastern and African Affairs.

Mr Callaghan declined yesterday in Parliament to identify him, but it was learnt from non-British sources that Sir Antony had lunch here with Mr Joseph Sisco, Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs, and the most senior policy assistant to Dr Kissinger.

It is understood that Sir Antony had not visited Rhodesia, but that the perceived threat to Rhodesia from increased guerrilla fighting in the aftermath of the Angola war was part of the general exchange on the deteriorating situation in Southern Africa. It is understood by informed sources that there is no joint plan of action by the British and American governments.

## Rail unions lodge new demand for £80m

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Staff

Railway workers have lodged an £80m pay claim, which could involve another increase in fares later this year. They have asked for a substantial increase from May 1, but in fact expect no more and no less than £6 a week.

Fare increases of up to 17 per cent to take effect on March 28 were calculated without including the next pay round. They are expected to yield between £30m and £40m extra revenue each year. Apart from putting up fares, British Rail would have to reduce services severely to meet the new claim in full.

The National Union of Railwaymen is recalling its executive on Monday to consider the latest fare increases and the big reduction in investment disclosed in Thursday's White Paper on public expenditure. The three rail unions are also planning a joint meeting.

They may decide to intensify their campaign against further cuts. But with the industry in such deep trouble, there is little likelihood of industrial action.

Mr Tom Jenkins, assistant general secretary of the white-collar Transport Salaried Staffs Association (TSSA), said last night that the British Railways Board believed 1985 would be "disaster year" for the industry. "But after this week's White Paper, I think it will be 1981."

Officials of the NUR say that when electrification of the King's Cross to Royston line is completed by about the end of the year there will be nothing left of the £5m allocation for electrification. Track improvements would have to be slowed or stopped. That would mean that the new high-speed trains would be restricted to under 100 mph.

The three railway unions, representing 250,000 workers, negotiate their pay claims jointly. The railways board has little option but to meet the full £6, which the TUC regards as an entitlement under its agreement with the Government.

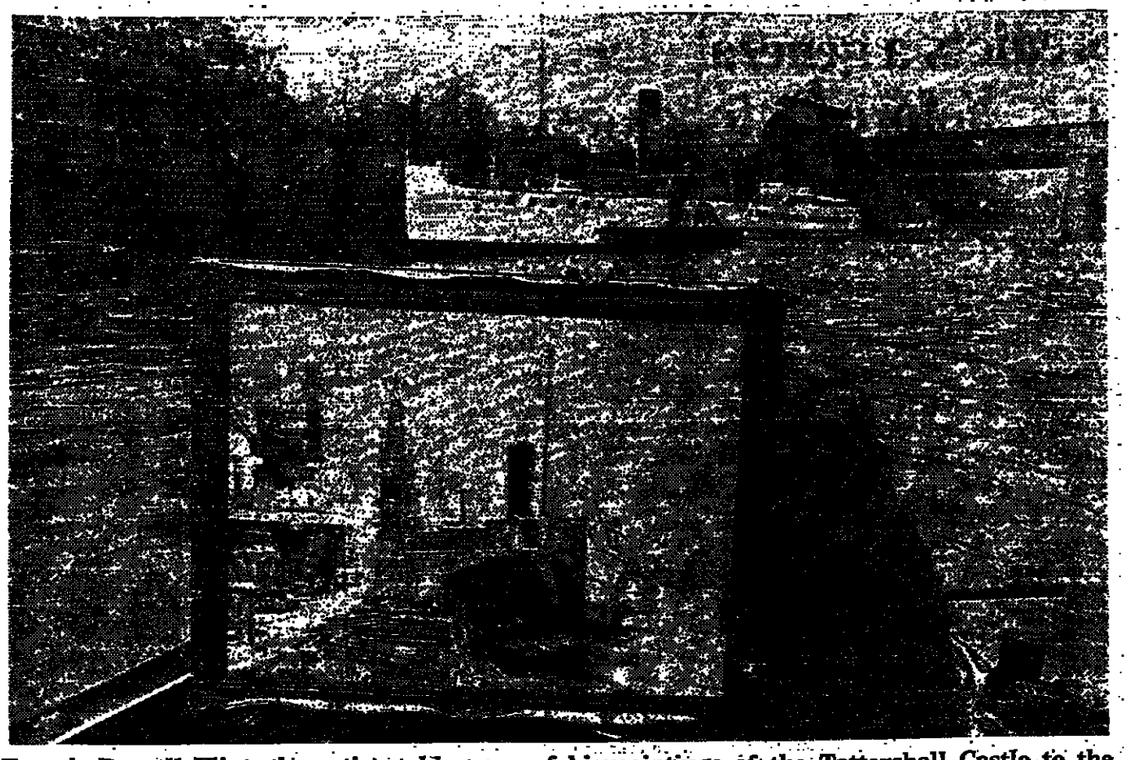
That means that the £30m to £40m extra the board expects the March 28 fare increases to yield will be wiped out, leaving it with no choice but to ask for new fare increases. The unions, which have allocated £20,000 for their campaign against rail cuts, have given a warning that they will oppose any further increases.

Our Political Correspondent writes: The Government should consider dismissing the top management of British Rail "who have consistently shown a lack of imagination in making rail transport unattractive to passengers and freight traffic", Sir Bernard Braine, Conservative MP for Essex, South-East, suggested yesterday in a letter to Dr Gilbert, Minister of Transport.

"These latest fare increases will cause considerable difficulties for families in south-east Essex at a time when the Government is loudly claiming that it is bringing inflation under control", he wrote.

## Spanish envoy

Barcelona, Feb 20.—The Spanish Government today appointed Marquis Luis Guillermo Perinat, a career diplomat, as Spain's new Ambassador to Britain.—AP.



Francis Russell Flint, the artist, taking one of his paintings of the Tattershall Castle to the former Humber ferry boat, which is being opened as an art gallery on the Thames on Tuesday.

## Energy chairmen in clash over policy

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

A basic policy disagreement between Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board, and Mr Arthur Hawkins, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, became apparent yesterday.

The disagreement came into the open at a forum called by Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, where government officials, trade union leaders and heads of the coal and electricity industries attempted to formulate a common approach to energy policy. Both Sir Derek and Mr Hawkins presented papers.

Mr Hawkins complained that Sir Derek had failed to reply formally to a letter he had sent in December on the coal board's plans to increase prices and called for an end to its "cavalier attitude".

At yesterday's meeting Mr Hawkins, whose views apparently won some support from Mr Joseph Gormley, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, protested at the 15 per cent price increase on power station coal, announced a week ago, which would add £150m a year to the generating board's coal bill.

Mr Hawkins noted that the coal board was able to increase its prices without being affected by Price Commission regulations or by the Government, which was unable to veto them because of the coal industry's membership of the European Coal and Steel Community.

"The CEGB can do no more than voice a protest, which like a cry in the wilderness, goes unheeded," he said. "We do think that before such a substantial increase was imposed on us the coal board might at least have invited its biggest customer to discuss at the highest level the serious implications of the increase, not only for electricity but for coal's prospects in the power station fuel market."

Mr Hawkins said he had expected the increase and had written to Sir Derek but had still not received a reply.

Sir Derek said later, however, that he regretted the increase. His failure to reply to Mr Hawkins was a "genuine misunderstanding". But Mr Hawkins said that he was the trustee for the 20 million electricity consumers who would have to foot the bill in the long run. Some of the increase could be absorbed by increased thermal efficiency, but the bulk would fall on the consumer and it was his job to fight for the consumer.

He criticized the coal industry for its poor record in improving efficiency compared with the electricity industry.

Afterwards the two men addressed a press conference where the rift on fundamental policy appeared to widen. Mr Hawkins challenged Sir Derek's demands that some oil or gas-fired power stations should be switched to coal.

But the two men managed to resolve some of their differences and close ranks against the inroads being made by the gas industry with its more competitive prices. Mr Benn and the Government have been left in no doubt about the concern over what Mr Hawkins described as "the swing to gas getting so out of hand".

The basic policy differences between the coal and electricity generating industries do not offer a prospect of early resolution.

At the heart of the disagreement is the coal board's commitment to its long-term plan agreed with the Government and supported by the unions, while the generating board is insisting on a more flexible approach and a more realistic attitude to high-cost energy and reduced demand for electricity.

Those differences will be discussed at future meetings of a small working party, established on Mr Benn's suggestion. It will

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## Appeal Court criticism answered by judge

By Diana Geddes

In an extraordinary interview yesterday, Mr Justice Melford Stevenson, three of whose decisions were changed in the Court of Appeal on Thursday, said it could not be accidental that the three cases, which he had originally tried at differing times, should all come up for appeal at the same time.

"I do not know how it happened, but this seems more than coincidence", he said. It is rare for a High Court judge to reply publicly to criticisms relating to his decisions or conduct in court. The outspoken Mr Justice Melford Stevenson has not chosen to do so before.

He told reporters in his private rooms at the Central Criminal Court: "I know that crime generally is increasing and I think the do-gooders are achieving a high degree of influence in many quarters."

He did not think that the purpose of some of the "do-gooders" was to undermine law and order. "But of course if you get an alliance between those who desire, from sincere motives, to do good and the criminal classes, unpleasant consequences can follow."

In one of the appeals heard on Thursday, the Court of Appeal ordered a new trial after being told that Mr Justice Melford Stevenson, aged 73, had called counsel into his private room during the luncheon adjournment on the first day of the trial and told them that if the defendant persisted in pleading not guilty, he would get "a very severe sentence indeed".

The judge told them that the defendant had no defence at all, and that if he changed his plea it would make a considerable difference, Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, presiding in the Court of Appeal, said. The defence counsel had been "embarrassed" and had decided he had no alternative but to tell Mr George Cain, the defendant, with the result that he had decided to plead guilty.

Mr Cain, of Armes Street, Norwich, was convicted of assaulting two small boys and of causing actual bodily harm, and was jailed for four years at Norwich Crown Court last October. He appealed on the ground that the pressure on him was such as to prevent him from exercising a free choice, making his plea of guilty a nullity.

Lord Widgery said on Thursday: "We think that once it becomes clear that an accused knew what the judge had advised, it is idle to say that he had a free choice in the matter."

Everybody knew that a plea of guilty generally attracted a lighter sentence than one of not

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## Two by-election dates

By Our Political Staff

The Conservative Party yesterday moved the writs for by-elections in Wirral and Sutton, Carshalton. Polling will be on March 11.

The by-elections have been caused by the retirement of Mr Selwyn Lloyd as Speaker of the House of Commons, and the elevation to the Lords of Mr Robert Carr, former Home Secretary in Mr Heath's Administration who held the Sutton, Carshalton, seat for the Conservatives.

Results at the general election in October, 1974, were:
Sutton, Carshalton: Mr Robert Carr (C), 22,538; Mr B. F. Atherton (Lab), 18,840; Mrs H. M. G. Smallbone (L), 8,272. C majority, 3,698.
Wirral: Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Speaker, 35,705; Mr P. R. Thomas (Lab), 22,217; Mr M. R. D. Gayford (L), 12,345. C majority, 13,488.

## Republican fury over Stagg funeral grows

Fears of IRA retaliation grew in Dublin yesterday as heavily armed troops guarded the body of Frank Stagg, the dead hunger-striker, at the parish church near his birthplace at Hollymount, co Mayo. An Irish army helicopter flew the coffin from Shannon airport as part of the government's attempts to frustrate republicans who had planned to use the Stagg funeral as a propaganda exercise

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## Tory leader predicts election next year

Mrs Thatcher predicted a general election in or before October, 1977, before the full effects of the Government's cuts in public expenditure were felt. In an aggressive speech at Exeter, she said that public expenditure was taking a higher proportion of national income than at the end of the war

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## Left's power move

Signor Enrico Berlinguer, the Italian Communist Party leader, told Parliament that the country could no longer be governed without Communist participation. He served notice on the ruling Christian Democrats either to co-operate in a leftist government or leave the running of the country to the left.

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## Mr Ford's inept campaign

The ineptitude of President Ford's election campaign in New Hampshire is already a subject of marvel, Patrick Brogan writes. It is his last effort to beat Mr Ronald Reagan in the Republican primary

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## GLC car tax aim

The GLC may seek legislation permitting it to tax large office car parks in central London, with the aim of reducing the number of spaces from 51,000 to about 20,000, and peak period traffic by between 15 and 22 per cent

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## Letters to the Editor from Russia in protest

Our Foreign Staff

The Soviet Union and the Palestine Liberation Organization have attacked the Jewish Congress on Soviet Jewry with almost as much coordination as must have taken to set up the meeting, which ended in Brussels on Thursday night.

Not only has the Soviet Government issued its own critical views on the conference but shoals of letters protesting about the congress and written by Russian Jews have poured into the offices of West European newspapers in the past fortnight.

*The Times* and *The Sunday Times* have received a total of nearly 100 letters, many posted in Moscow on the same day. Some of them Jews refer to the evils of Zionism". Newspapers in Paris are reported to have had similar letters.

All the letters are sent directly from the Soviet Union. Reports from Moscow suggest that the letter-writing campaign had been carefully orchestrated.

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## Wires of British trawler cut by Icelandic patrol

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

The first incident at sea after Iceland broke off diplomatic relations with Britain occurred in a matter of hours. The trawl wires of the British trawler Ross Leonis, of Hull, were cut by the Icelandic patrol boat Thor during Thursday night.

The routine protest made to the Icelandic Government after such attacks is expected to be conveyed by the French Embassy in Reykjavik, which is now looking after British interests in Iceland.

Icelandic and British officials were meeting in Reykjavik yesterday to discuss the implications of the break in diplomatic relations. Five British-based staff were at the embassy yesterday, but Mr Kenneth East, the Ambassador, was planning to return as soon as the general strike in Iceland allowed flights to resume.

In London, the former Icelandic Embassy now terms itself the Icelandic consulate. Mr Helgi Agustsson, who has served in Britain as press attaché for some years, is now styled consul.

Mr Agustsson said yesterday that Britain had been "cheating". "The number of British trawlers fishing off Iceland is now greater in these past two months than in the same period last year", he said. "They have been fishing in a conservation area denied under the old interim agreement. This is hypocrisy."

Mr Einar Agustsson, the Icelandic Foreign Minister, said in Reykjavik yesterday that he did not think air traffic would be cut off between the two countries, but he expected Icelandic ships would be barred from British ports. He did not expect that Icelandic students in British universities would return home, he added.

On board the patrol boat Tyr, off Iceland, Feb 20.—A British warship narrowly missed the stern of this Icelandic patrol craft today and the captain accused the frigate of trying to ram him.

The frigate Yarmouth and the Tyr had been steaming on parallel courses in heavy seas within Iceland's disputed fishing grounds when the incident took place.

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# Mrs Thatcher, in militant mood, predicts a general election in or before October next year

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, gave notice to Mr Wilson yesterday that she is on the warpath. "Next week will be the second anniversary of Mr Wilson's return to No 10 Downing Street", she told Conservatives in Exeter. "I shall do everything in my power to ensure that it is his last."

[At a meeting in Taunton, Somerset, she said she expected a general election in about October, 1977, or possibly before, "before the public expenditure cuts really come home to roost".]

She argued that the high level of public expenditure, and the high taxes needed to foot the bill, meant a loss of freedom for the individual. "Unnecessarily high rates of tax work not only to the economic disadvantage of Britain; they strike at the very roots of the free society in which we Conservatives believe," Mrs Thatcher said.

"Freedom of choice is the essence of a free society, and that includes the right to choose how you spend your earnings. Every time the Government takes a bigger slice of your pay packet, it is taking a bigger slice of your freedom. And yet in Thursday's White Paper on public expenditure the message from the Government was that the tax burden will still increase."

The essential condition for the exercise of individual freedom was a measure of personal prosperity; when that was undermined by the use of the tax system for socialist ends, personal freedom and choice were diminished.

*The more heavily individuals* were taxed, the more difficult it was for them to move house, to acquire new skills and experience, to set up their own business, to give their children a better start, to help their elderly parents, or to plan their own retirement.

Surely those were personal freedoms which no one ought to deny? Yet they were the freedoms which the Government was *increasingly putting* at risk.

Mrs Thatcher said that for the first time since the war, public expenditure was taking a higher proportion of Britain's national wealth than it did in 1946 when the economy was still on a war footing. (Then it was 51.6 per cent of gross national product.) She added: Under no government in our history has state spending grown more massively, more quickly. *This year the Government is* spending some £20,000m more of our money than when we Conservatives were in office just two years ago.

To find these huge sums, the socialists have taxed us up to the hilt, and having reached the hilt they have then lumbered us with a mountainous debt. In their first 12 months alone, the Government increased our national debt by no less than £5,800m. That's £298 of extra debt for every family in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, extra debt that will be round our necks and round our children's necks for years to come.

In 1976, Mrs Thatcher said, the average family in Britain was going to pay £335 more income tax than at the beginning of 1974. "Think what you could be doing with that extra £335 a year: think how much better you could *have used it than the Govern*ment has."

For a few, the present levels of taxation were confiscatory already. For millions of others, tax payments were oppressive and demoralizing, and among the retired in particular, they aroused a profound sense of injustice.

There were, no doubt, some people in Britain who thought that nothing had changed much *in the past two years.* "But you won't be under that delusion if you are unfortunate enough to be one of Labour's 1,400,000 unemployed, and you won't be under that delusion if you are one of the millions of pensioners with small savings who have been crushed in the nutcracker of socialist inflation and socialist taxation.

"And you certainly won't think that nothing has changed if you are one of the multitude of skilled work people and professional men and women whose living standards have been deliberately reduced by Labour."

Even in a parliamentary democracy a government machine could gradually and silently whittle freedoms away. In a free society, the state was the servant of the people, not the master. But under the present socialist Government the appetite of the state for the people's resources was boundless.

The main task of a Conservative government would be to check the advancing power of the state over the lives, earnings and savings of ordinary people. If personal economic freedom was slowly strangled, political freedom would not survive.

# Battle over closed shop reopens in the Lords

By Our Political Correspondent

The parliamentary battle over the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill will be resumed in the House of Lords on Tuesday on an amendment to be moved by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the former Lord Chancellor, concerning the right of an individual, on conscientious grounds, to refuse to join a trade union.

The Opposition's main attack will be on the Bill's protection for closed-shop agreements generally rather than on the effect of such arrangements on the freedom of the press.

*Lord Hailsham's amendment* would give the right of compensation to an individual who is dismissed because of a closed-shop arrangement if he can show that he did not belong to a union "on grounds of sincerely held personal conscientious conviction not motivated by hope of financial gain or material advantage".

Labour defenders of the Bill claim that this addition, besides being difficult to construe, might lead employers to investigate a man's political convictions before they signed him on, which would be objectionable both to employers and prospective employees, and would also favour "free riders" who would take advantages won by unions without joining them.

The Opposition, supported by the Liberals and most crossbenchers, intend to press this amendment to a division and a close result is expected.

Lord Shepherd, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House, will move a long amendment on a press freedom charter based on the amendment to the Bill proposed by Lord Houghton, a Labour peer, and carried during the last session of Parliament. This provides for the employers, editors and journalists to draw up a charter containing practical guidance on matters relating to the freedom of the press, including the avoidance of improper pressure to distort or suppress news.

It would not have the force of law, but the Government proposes that there shall be an appeal tribunal which would hear and pronounce upon any complaint from an individual who claimed that he had suffered as a result of a failure to observe the charter.

Newspaper editors are said to be worried about the reference to "improper pressure" and the possibility that this "safeguard" might be invoked by unions to demonstrate that newspaper editors are influenced by advertisers, publishers, proprietors and politicians.

Economy measure: Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, was given a civic lunch of bread, cheese and pickles yesterday when he attended a ceremony in Nottingham to mark the handing-over of the city council's 50,000th council *house. The ploughman's* lunch was part of the council's policy of reducing expenditure.

# Scottish campaign for Europe vote launched

From David Leigh
Edinburgh

The Scotland in Europe all-party group is launching a campaign for support in Scotland for direct elections to the EEC Parliament.

It is widely conceded to be an uphill task. The Government's Green Paper this week advocated a slow approach to the subject on the ground that assemblies, devolution and elections for the Scots and Welsh would have to be dealt with first.

Furthermore, Scottish political parties are more absorbed in debating devolution than Europe.

Mr Edward Taylor, MP for Glasgow, Cathcart, and Conservative spokesman on Scotland, has pointed to the prospect by 1978 of Scots voters going to the polls for at least five different tiers of Government: district councils, regional councils, a Scottish assembly, the London Parliament and a directly elected European Parliament.

Mr Richard Douglas, Labour MP for Sterlingshire, East and Clackmannan, until ousted by the Scottish National Party and vice-chairman of the Europe campaign, said yesterday that without proportional representation there was a danger of any elected Scottish contingent to Europe being largely unrepresentative. "The situation that is emerging in Scotland is not a two-or three party system, *but a four or five party* system." He fears that the Liberals in particular might be squeezed out of a European group.

The prime ministers of the EEC countries have to agree on direct elections at their meeting in April, although not on the form of voting. Of the proposed 67 British elected seats in a European Parliament, Scotland would get about seven on the basis of population. There are 36 British-nominated Westminster MPs at the European Parliament at present.

Labour pro-Europeans expect that special weighting in Scotland's favour might produce an allocation of nine seats, but an independent Scotland may get nearer 17.

That is not lost on the SNP which, on its growing level of support, might hope in the absence of proportional representation to win most Scottish seats in a European Parliament.

It is committed to taking an independent Scotland out of the EEC, although some senior members of the party are beginning to show a more pragmatic interest in Europe. The SNP is also committed to dismantling the regions.

# Uninvited inquest juror was paid 75p

From Our Correspondent
Matlock

Neil Stoppard, aged 19, of The Green, Matlock, Derbyshire, described yesterday how he walked in uninvited on an inquest jury and was paid 75p by the coroner for his services.

Mr Stoppard, who is unemployed, went to the local town hall with a friend who had been summoned to serve on the jury. He was the only member of the public present. He *did not know* what was expected of him but sat with other jurors and was asked to take the oath.

Afterwards, when the police officer told the coroner there was only enough money to pay 10 jurors although there appeared to be 11, the coroner produced the 75p fee from his own pocket and handed it over.

# Widow aged 35 loses £17,200 damages award

Mrs Bridget Hegarty's hopes of owning her own home received a setback yesterday when the Court of Appeal took away the £17,200 damages she had been awarded for her husband's death.

She had been married to Mr John Hegarty for only seven months when, in April, 1969, he died at St Anne's Hospital, Tottenham, London, from complications after measles.

In 1974, Mr Justice Swanwick in the High Court ruled that the death could have been avoided with proper medical care. He awarded the widow £17,200 against Enfield and Haringey Health Authority.

The Court of Appeal ruled yesterday that the hospital could not be held to blame and that Mrs Hegarty, aged 35, of Adams Road, Tottenham, was not entitled to damages.

# No pressure applied to anyone, judge says

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guilty which ended in conviction after a "full-dress" contest.

But for a judge to invite a defendant to bargain with him by making a more precise suggestion in which the penalties were more closely defined could not be tolerated.

Lord Widgery said that no such precise suggestion had been made in the case under consideration.

In another appeal case on Thursday, Mr Justice MacKenna announced the reduction of a four-year sentence imposed by Mr Justice Melford Stevenson *on Mr Graham Moore to 12* months. Mr Moore, of Trevertthick Drive, Dartford, Kent, had been found guilty of handling a stolen television set. Mr Justice MacKenna said a sentence of that length for that offence was "beyond all reason".

In a third case, Lord Justice Shaw announced the reduction to six years of an eight-year sentence imposed by Mr Justice Melford Stevenson on Mr John Gairvey. Mr Gairvey, of Pirton Road, Luton, had been convicted of manslaughter.

Mr Justice Melford Stevenson said yesterday: "Elementary fairness indicates that before an adverse comment is made about anybody, even a judge, he should be given an opportunity of dealing with the situation before it receives publicity."

He denied that he had put presure on anybody at any time during the Cain trial. He said he had not spoken to Lord Widgery since the Appeal Court's decision. He believed the Lord Chief Justice had telephoned him just before he arrived at the Central Criminal Court yesterday morning. By the time he arrived, Lord Widgery was in court.

Master Richard Thompson, Registrar of the Criminal Appeal office, which handles all the business administration of the Criminal Division of the Court of Appeal, said yesterday that it was "sheer coincidence" that three appeals from one judge's decision were heard on the same day. The appeals involving Mr Cain and Mr Moore had been handled by different people in the office.

He said he had been unaware that more than one appeal from a decision by Mr Justice Melford Stevenson was being heard that day. "What I would have done I do not know; maybe nothing because I do not believe in manipulating these things", he said.

He said that three main factors were involved in determining when an appeal was heard: whether the case was ready, whether counsel were free, and whether there was place on the court list.

"We can influence the date of the hearing to some extent, but not entirely by a long way", Master Thompson added.

# Minister may resign over planned education cuts

By Tim Devlin
*Education Correspondent*

Miss Joan Lestor is so upset by the White Paper on public expenditure that she is considering resigning from her £5,500-a-year job as Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science.

The cuts in the White Paper are in conflict with her own views, which are in sympathy with the *Tribune* group of the Labour Party. The group has called the paper a "document of shame".

Her priorities in education are immigrants, deprived children, and nursery schools. She feels that local authorities will have no alternative but to cut back even further on nursery education than is envisaged in the White Paper.

Miss Lestor is understood to have said that over the weekend *she will read the White Paper*, which was published on Thursday, before making her decision. She has come near to resigning before as a junior minister but it is thought likely that she will decide that she can help the cause of education better by staying within the Government than outside it.

Miss Lestor, aged 43, is MP for Eton and Slough and moved from the Foreign Office to the Department of Education and Science last June.

The National Union of Students accused the Government yesterday of abandoning, in the proposed education cuts, the Robbins principle of providing higher education for all school leavers who were qualified and wished to enter.

# Left-wingers want a party conference

By Michael Hatfield
Political Staff

The left wing of the Labour Party is to demand next week that the national executive committee call a special party conference to discuss unemployment and the economic situation.

The motion was submitted before publication of the Government's White Paper on public expenditure; the debate inside the national executive on Wednesday, as a consequence, will be heightened, particularly as the left has described the White Paper as a "document of shame". Left-wing ministers on the executive, such as Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, and Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, will be placed in a difficult position.

The last thing the Government wants is an organized protest against its policies, which would certainly dominate a special party conference. In the same way, trade union leaders recently resisted demands for a special congress on unemployment.

Ministers on the national executive have not been approached so far for their support, but Miss Joan Maynard (Sheffield, Brightside), who tabled the motion, is expected to receive support from left-wing colleagues on the executive who are not in the Government.

With the left-right balance on the national executive delicately poised, the Government faces the danger of the motion being carried if a vote is called.

Meanwhile, the Conservative onslaught on the White Paper continued yesterday. Mr Timothy Raison, Opposition spokesman on the environment, said last night that it must be the most shattering self-indictment that any Chancellor of the Exchequer had ever produced. "Mr Healey's wild borrowing has landed the country with a burden of debt interest that will cripple us for years to come", he said in his constituency, Aylesbury.

"The astonishing thing is that the Government is still not taking the public expenditure problem seriously. One can understand the pressures on them not to cut back where the direct result would be immediate increased unemployment. But the subsidy area could have yielded much more, and it passes all belief that they should persist with the Community Land Act."

Mr Richard Wainwright, Liberal spokesman on industry, trade and prices, called last night for compulsory wage restraint, enforceable by law. Mr *Wilson's policy of getting pay* restraint by the "bribery" of the social contract caused a huge interest cost which eventually strangled the very guts of the contract, he said.

"No British government can survive unless it fully accepts that this system is a dependent part of an international capitalist system", he said at Oldham. "No matter who is in Downing Street, those who lend to this government demand payment of their interest at rates which this country can do very little to control."

Mr David Howell, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, said the White Paper showed that ministers were nowhere near on top of public spending.

Social service fears, page 4

# Alcoholism group opposes easier drinking laws

Relaxation of the licensing laws would increase consumption of alcohol, and that in turn would exacerbate difficulties associated with drink, according to a report by the Advisory Committee on Alcoholism.

The committee, set up in March last year to advise health ministers, says that the Erroll committee's proposals for permitted opening hours from 10 am to midnight did not take sufficient account of health issues.

Such measures would greatly increase the scale of alcoholism, drunken driving, psychiatric illness, and marital and social breakdown. With alcoholic hospital admissions increasing by a tenth a year, and health and social services already overburdened, it opposes any relaxation in the laws.

Lord Erroll of Hale's departmental Committee on Liquor Licensing reported in December, 1972. As well as seeking greater flexibility for public houses to open and close as they wished between the extended hours, it urged provision for allowing children into public houses with their parents at the discretion of the landlord.

Both proposals form part of a private member's Bill.

The advisory committee says that despite the argument that children admitted to public houses could learn controlled drinking from their parents, it doubts whether many public houses have the clientele or accommodation to make the experiment succeed.

"A more likely result would be a proliferation of licensed cafés.

# Word 'new' to go from decimal coinage

By a Staff Reporter

From the end of this year, the word "new" will be omitted from decimal coins, Mr Denzil Davies, Minister of State at the Treasury, said in a Commons written reply yesterday. No new design for coins has yet been made, but Mr Davies said that to keep a balance in the design the values of the coins would be expressed in words as well as figures.

Mr Davies also told Mr Geoffrey Finsberg, Conservative MP for Camden, Hampstead, that no early decision is expected on the future of the 2½p coin.

A new series of metric Ordnance Survey maps was completed with the publication in Edinburgh yesterday of 101 sheets covering the northern part of Britain on the 1:50,000 scale.

# Fears of retaliation over Stagg funeral

*From Michael Horsnell*
Hollymount

Heavily armed troops last night were guarding the body of Frank Stagg, the IRA hunger striker, at the parish church near his birthplace at Hollymount, co Mayo. Earlier an Army helicopter had taken the coffin from Shannon airport amid angry scenes involving republican demonstrators.

A requiem Mass will be said early today before burial, but Mr Rory O'Brady, president of Sinn Fein, told me that it would be boycotted by the Stagg family and sympathizers who wanted a military-style funeral.

The funeral will be in Ballina, 35 miles from Hollymount, but the procession will be diverted round the town.

Mrs Stagg said last night that she had authorized the Provisional Sinn Fein to arrange the burial in its own way. She denied that she had ever pressed for a private funeral.

Her statement was issued in Dublin by Mr Emmet Stagg, Mr *Stagg's brother, who had pre*viously opposed Provisional IRA plans for a military-style funeral.

The Irish government's show of strength against republican funerals seemed yesterday to have succeeded, but fears of IRA retaliation were increasing *in Dublin. Strong security*, armoured vehicles, and rifles held at the ready at Hollymount, indicated government concern.

Reliable republican sources suggested that even though their plans might have failed for the time being, an attempt might be made before long to exhume the body and take it back to Dublin so that the military funeral originally asked for by Mr Stagg could be staged.

An all-night vigil by IRA sympathizers was held outside the heavily guarded mortuary at Shannon airport, where the Irish government had earlier ordered the body to be diverted from Dublin.

At 10.30 am yesterday police pall bearers carried the coffin quickly through a rear exit to the army helicopter. Enraged members of the family and sympathizers were involved in clashes with the police, but there were no arrests.

The helicopter landed, after a 100-mile flight, in a field opposite the Church of Our Lady of Sorrows at Robeen, near Hollymount. Prayers were said by Father Louis Berry over the coffin, which was guarded by the police.

Mr O'Brady described the last two days in which the government "snatched" the body as "a descent into barbarism".

# Cosgrave pledge on beating the IRA

Mr Cosgrave, Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, yesterday pledged that his Government would work with any "agreed institution" in Ulster to defeat the IRA. Speaking in Dublin, he said he wanted to make his position clear in relation to the Ulster Convention.

"Any agreed institutions which have the full support of the political representatives of both main communities in Northern Ireland will have our support also", he said. "We are fully prepared to recognize the validity of such institutions arrived at by agreement.

"I hereby pledge the forces at the disposal of my Government to cooperate fully with agreed institutions in Northern Ireland and to work together in the closest possible way to defeat the terrorism which is such a threat to all our people."

For too long men had been arrogating to themselves the right to kill and maim and to bring misery into the lives of too many families "in the name of *some* abstract principle which, when analysed, often boils down quite simply to personal arrogance and a desire for personal aggrandisement".

Those who had taken that course had been rejected overwhelmingly and repeatedly at the ballot box. The Irish Government was determined that the rule of law would be upheld, and that those who flouted it, whatever their cause, would be dealt with fairly and firmly.

Irish unity could be achieved only with the consent of a majority of the people of Ulster. It could not be extorted. Mr Cosgrave said his government recognized the right of the majority in Northern Ireland to withhold that consent until such time as they were ready to give it openly and spontaneously.

# Belfast bomb hurts eight

From Our Correspondent
Belfast

Eight people, including two girls aged 15, were treated for shock after a bomb attack on a south Belfast bar last night. The bomb, which was thrown from a passing car, badly damaged the Hatfield Bar in Ormeau Road and surrounding buildings.

Earlier a suitcase containing a 10lb bomb and a tin of petrol was found by security forces in central Belfast. An army bomb disposal expert defused the device.

Security forces sealed Donegall Place, also in central Belfast, after incendiary devices were found in four shops. Two exploded in a women's fashion shop and a bookshop, but there were no injuries. The Army neutralized the other bombs.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary said that seven people would appear in court today on charges relating to murder and explosives offences.

Troops on patrol near Ardboe, co Tyrone, yesterday discovered 35lb of explosives, bringing to 947lb the amount found with 24 hours.

# '£80m saving' by car seat belts

The compulsory wearing of seat belts could save the nation £80m a year in preventing deaths and serious injury, Mr Gilbert, Minister of Transport, said yesterday.

He said that in addition to the present proposals covering front seats, he hoped within a year to introduce legislation to make the fitting of rear seat belts in new cars compulsory.

# Peers will see hare coursing

By Our Political Staff

Members of the House of Lords select committee examining the Bill which seeks to make hare coursing illegal will see two events at a coursing meeting at Towcester, *Northamptonshire, today.*

The chairman of the committee is Lord Trevelyan; other members are Lord Davidson, Lord Cranbrook, Lord Aylestone, Lord Collison, Lord Henley, and the Bishop of *Chelmsford.*

# Dundee provost asked to quit

Mr Charles Farquhar, Lord Provost of Dundee, was last night asked by the district council, by 31 votes to 11, to resign over a conviction for assault.

Mr Farquhar was convicted of assault three months ago. He was fined £20 at Dundee Sheriff Court and the conviction was upheld by a Court of Appeal in Edinburgh last week.

# Shop stewards back 'The Mole'

Shop stewards at the Leyland car plant at Cowley, Oxford, are campaigning for Mr Alan Thornett, chairman of the unofficial paint shop stewards' committee, and nicknamed "the Mole", to be formally recognized. They have decided to call in national officials of the Transport and General Workers' Union and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers in their dispute with the management.

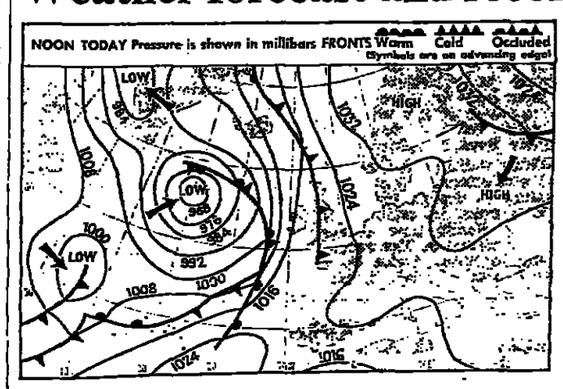
## Prison paper ends

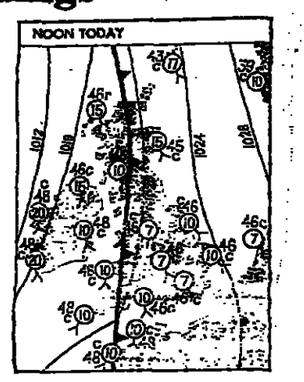
The national newspaper *Frontsheet*, run as an experiment for prisoners and others in the penal field, is dead. Its last issue yesterday said that its aims would be carried on in a supplement which would appear four times a year in the newspaper *Social Services.*

## Crash victims named

Two men who were killed when their aircraft crashed at Benenden, Kent on Thursday, were named yesterday as Mr George Tuck, aged 63, of Brownrigg, North Berwick, *Lothian, and Mr David Spall,* aged 36, of Barkston Gardens, Earls Court, London.

# Weather forecast and recordings




## Today

Sun rises: 7.3 am Sun sets: 5.25 pm
Moon rises: 1.15 am Moon sets: 9.35 am
Last quarter: Tomorrow.
Lighting up: 5.55 pm to 6.33 am.
High water: London Bridge, 5.29 am, 7.2m (23.7ft); 6.0 pm, 6.9m (22.6ft). Avonmouth, 11.3 am, 12.4m (40.6ft); 11.24 pm, 11.7m (38.5ft). Dover, 2.37 am, 6.7m (22.0ft); 3.8 pm, 6.2m (20.5ft). Hull, 10.1 am, 6.9m (22.6ft); 10.19 pm, 7.1m (23.2ft). Liverpool, 2.54 am, 9.0m (29.4ft); 3.14 pm, 8.6m (29.0ft).

## Tomorrow

Sun rises: 7.3 am Sun sets: 5.27 pm
Moon rises: 1.27 am Moon sets: 10.16 am
Last quarter: 3.16 am.
Lighting up: 5.57 pm to 6.31 am.
High water: London Bridge, 6.19 am, 6.8m (22.4ft); 6.53 pm, 6.5m (21.3ft). Avonmouth, 11.47 am, 11.3m (37.0ft). Dover, 3.27 am, 6.3m (20.6ft); 4.3 pm, 5.9m (19.3ft). Hull, 10.52 am, 6.4m (21.1ft); 11.20 pm, 6.5m (21.3ft). Liverpool, 3.44 am, 8.4m (27.6ft); 4.10 pm, 8.2m (26.9ft).

A weak trough of low pressure will be slow moving over W Britain.

**Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:**

London, SE, E, central S England, East Anglia, E Midlands, Channel Islands: Mist and fog clearing then dry with bright spells; wind SE or variable, light; max temp 9°C (48°F).

W Midlands, SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, central Highlands, Northern Ireland: Mostly cloudy, a little occasional rain, but also bright spells; wind S, light or moderate; max temp 9-10°C (48-50°F).

Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney Shetland: Variable cloud bright spells mainly dry; wind SE, moderate; max temp 8-9°C (46-48°F).

Outlook for Sunday and Monday: Mostly dry and bright in E but with overnight fog; cloudy in W with some rain but also sunny intervals; mild.

Sea passages: S North Sea: Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SE, light; sea slight.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate.

## Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9°C (48°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4°C (39°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 84 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.1 hours. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1021.1 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

**WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY:** c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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| Algiers | c | 19 | 66 | Copenhagen | f | 10 | 50 | London | c | 9 | 48 |
| Amsterdam | c | 11 | 52 | Dublin | d | 7 | 45 | Luxembourg | c | 7 | 45 |
| Athens | f | 19 | 66 | Edinburgh | c | 9 | 48 | Madrid | c | 8 | 46 |
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| Vaduz | s | 12 | 54 |
| Vienna | s | 2 | 36 |
| Warsaw | s | 1 | 34 |
| Zurich | c | 10 | 50 |

**Overseas selling prices**

Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, Fr 9; Canaries, Pes 70; Denmark, Dkr 1.75; Finland, Fmk 1.60; France, Fr 1.80; Germany, Dmk 1.60; Greece, Dr 25; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 350; Luxembourg, Lfr 60; Madeira, Esc 17.50; Malta, 9c; Norway, Kr 1.40; Portugal, Esc 20; Spain, Pes 35; Sweden, Skr 1.75; Switzerland, Sfr 1.50; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 20.


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# Labour MPs sign motion criticizing 'Express'

By Our Political Staff

Forty Labour backbenchers signed a motion, published yesterday, criticizing the *Daily Express.* It asks the Commons to deplore the action of that newspaper "in publishing on February 18 an article purporting to be written by Mrs Helene Hayman, Labour MP for Welwyn and Hatfield, when she was not in fact the author".

The motion asserts that Mrs Hayman was interviewed over the telephone by an *Express* reporter and was neither asked to write an article nor consulted about the *subsequent* presentation of her views.

The motion says "such sharp practices bring disrepute on the British press".

The article mentioned was about the dispute in Parliament over the decision to reestablish the Select Committee on Abortion. Mrs Hayman was one of six MPs who resigned from the committee.

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# LC may seek tax n office parking n centre of London

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he Greater London Council considering a tax on large e car parks in central on, at a rate of perhaps £6 week for each space, to ice peak period traffic by ween 15 and 22 per cent.

e number of spaces would educed from 51,000 to about 00. The proposal comes re the council's transport mittee on Tuesday. If oved, it will need legisla-

James Daly, chairman of committee, said yesterday the aim was not to restrict required by companies for day-to-day operation, and would be taken to ensure no harm was done to don as a trade, commercial employment centre.

me car parks with fewer 10 spaces would be mpted.

r Daly said: "Our inten- is to clamp down on the 00 'office perk' spaces e commuters' cars stand all day and go on the roads for the journeys to and work. Most of these journeys could be made easily by public transport."

Under the proposal, the GLC would designate the taxation area, levy the tax, receive the money and decide the policy on exemptions.

The transport committee will be asked to approach the Secretary of State for the Environment with a view to getting the necessary legislation included in the next road traffic or other appropriate Bill. It is thought that the first controlled area could be introduced within two years of legislation being passed. Other towns and cities could also take advantage of such legislation if they wished.

The area suggested is that within the signposted inner ring road, running approximately from Vauxhall Bridge to Marble Arch along Marylebone Road, Euston Road and City Road to Tower Bridge and the Elephant and Castle.

The Movement for London, a newly formed industrial, motoring and employers' organization described the plan as "ill researched, hysterical and potentially disastrous, particularly for small businesses in London".

# Advocate is cleared of neglecting her son

A boy aged 12 at Edinburgh Sheriff Court yesterday told how his fancy for a sausage one Saturday morning led to his mother, Mrs Rosaleen Morrison, a member of the Scottish Bar, of Scotstoun Park, South Queensferry, appearing before the court.

She pleaded not guilty to wilfully neglecting, abandoning and exposing her son, Alan, in a manner likely to cause him unnecessary suffering or injury to health by leaving him unattended in the house contrary to the Children and Young Persons Act, 1937.

A frying pan he had put on the electric stove was said to have overheated and the fire brigade was called. A neighbour extinguished the blaze.

The boy, a pupil at Stewart-Melville College, Edinburgh, said: "I was not exactly hungry. I felt like a sausage."

Sheriff Middleton found Mrs Morrison not guilty. He said: "I think it is a completely nonsensical case."

Police Constable Alan Shields said that when he charged Mrs Morrison with neglecting her son she had replied: "I am amazed." A few days later, on the instructions of his sergeant, he went to the house to tell her that there was not enough evidence and the charge would be dropped. But two months later proceedings were started.

A stuffed elephant beginning its journey yesterday from a taxidermist in Wood Green, London, to the Royal Scottish Museum in Edinburgh.

# Number with influenza doubled, doctors say

The number of people with influenza almost doubled last week, according to the latest provisional figures from the Royal College of General Practitioners. The number affected in the week to last Tuesday was 537 per 100,000, compared with 289 the week before.

The illness also appears to be spreading northwards, with Scotland affected to a greater extent than before.

The worst affected area is still central Southern England, with 1,083 cases per 100,000. The London area, although worse off than the week before, has suffered a smaller increase. The number there rose by less than half to 720.

West Midlands suffered a threefold increase to 543 per 100,000 and Scotland had 237 per 100,000 affected.

The college research unit said: "There are signs that it is moving north and seemingly missing the Manchester area. It does not seem to be increasing there but is streaming up the centre of the country."

It appears that East Anglia, which provided the college with its first reports of the outbreak, may be over the worst. Reports there fell from 80 per 100,000 last week to 69.

On a rough calculation, the figures imply that about 290,000 had influenza last week, but the sampling method of using reports from 40 general practices can miss local high and low incidence areas and does not take account of those who catch it but do not go to their doctor.

# Man jobless for 25 years is jailed for a month

From Our Correspondent
Southend

A husband, alleged to have received £12,000 during 25 years in which he was unemployed, was jailed for a month by magistrates at Southend, Essex, yesterday.

Albert Thorogood, aged 46, of Manners Way, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, appeared for sentence on two summonses brought by the Department of Health and Social Security. He had earlier pleaded guilty to persistently neglecting to maintain himself and his wife, Kathleen, aged 55. He was sentenced to one month on each summons the sentences to run concurrently.

Mr Basil Corcos, for the prosecution, on behalf of the department, explained why the case had gone on so long. He said that although the summonses covered the period between August, 1974, and May, last year, there was no reason why the bench should not know that Mr Thorogood had not worked for more than 20 years.

The department had continually "warned and chased up" the defendant during that time. In the period covered by the summonses he had been sent after two jobs. He did not visit the first prospective employer and he had made little effort to obtain the other job.

References during the hearing to 70 attempts to obtain jobs related to a diary which Mr Thorogood had claimed was his record of job hunting, Mr Corcos said.

Mr Roger Fikness, for the defence, described him as probably the most well known unemployed man in Britain. The sentence should be one to help him out of his difficulties rather than to punish him. Mr Thorogood had been a registered disabled person, suffering from a heart condition.

When the sentence was announced Mrs Thorogood said in court: "This is not justice." Afterwards, as she ran from the courthouse to the police cells, she shouted at reporters: "You are to blame. When he comes out of prison he will never work."

# Mr Stonehouse can appeal over rejection

Walsall North constituency Labour Party will not be allowed to drop Mr John Stonehouse summarily as candidate at the next general election despite a unanimous decision to reject him taken on Thursday.

Local party officials have been told that the constituency party's executive must hold a meeting to which Mr Stonehouse must be invited. If they decide to seek a new candidate, they must ask a full meeting of the management committee to arrange a special meeting to vote on the issue, and Mr Stonehouse is entitled to appear at both.

If the special meeting decides against Mr Stonehouse, the party's national executive committee has to be informed. An inquiry might be conducted, at which Mr Stonehouse could state his views.

# Battered wives Bill fails to get second reading

The Domestic Violence Bill, which would have given better legal protection to battered wives, failed again to get a second reading in the Commons yesterday when Mr William Rees-Davies, Conservative MP for Thanet, West, objected to it. But the indications are that the Government may take action to ensure that the Bill goes through.

Its sponsor, Miss Josephine Richardson, Labour MP for Barking, will meet Mr Short, Leader of the House, on Monday. Mr Short has said he will deal with the Bill sympathetically and has promised that he will consider whether there is any procedural way that he can bring it forward.

Miss Richardson hopes that he will use the device, of bringing the Bill forward on a formal motion at the end of a day's normal business.

## BP lifeboat gift

British Petroleum is giving £100,000 to the Royal National Life-boat Institution towards the cost of a 54t Arun class lifeboat to be stationed at Aberdeen. The boat will bear the name BP Forties.

## Westminster dates fixed

The Archbishop-elect of Westminster, Abbot Basil Hume, will formally take charge of the archdiocese on March 12 and will be ordained bishop and installed as archbishop in Westminster Cathedral on March 25.

# onservation programme or Bath 'insufficient'

m Our Correspondent

will cost £1.5m just to ore the exterior of Bath oration's listed buildings, ording to a conservation prepared by Mr Roy rskett, the city's architect planning officer, and Mr h Gunton, director of ites.

he study states that h will need a programme of servation well beyond the years agreed with the partment of the Environ- t.

he report is the first of a phase study of priorities. pointing out that the spend- of £230,000 a year for five years is insufficient to satisfy all the council's conservation needs, the report says that in the long term conservation grants and loans to the private sector will be necessary and calls for an extended programme to meet the volume of work.

There are 4,658 listed buildings in the conservation area, with only 218 recently restored. A total of 1,873 are in good condition requiring routine maintenance only, but 2,090 need some repairs, although apparently they are without serious structural defects or extensive decay. Of the remainder, 438 require big repairs and 39 are derelict.

# Warning against meanness over students

By our Education Correspondent

Foreign students in Britain should bear some of the country's economic difficulties, Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Opposition spokesman for education, told the Cambridge Conservative Association in Cambridge yesterday.

But their share of the burden should not be discriminatory. To increase fees by five times as had been suggested would destroy good will overseas. He argued that the £120m annual cost of maintaining overseas students was cancelled out by the benefits of the foreign currencies they brought into the country.

Britain's lasting conquest had been cultural. The language originally spoken by a few primitive tribesmen living on fog-enshrouded islands on the edge of the North Sea had become the language of the world. British educational institutions were also imitated all over the world.

"Great nations only fail when they cease to recognize what their true achievements have been. The moment for us to ring the alarm bells is when foreign students cease to want to come here, not when they do", Mr St John-Stevas said.

Economic weakness was bad enough but something much more valuable would be lost if economic adversity was allowed to be the occasion for allowing meanmindedness and selfishness to flourish.

"A nation with a history so long, so unique and, indeed, so providential as our own should be happy to share the fruits of that culture with those who have the wit to recognize it, to value it and to want to share it."

# m saving eat belts

# etails of new bus and Tube fares

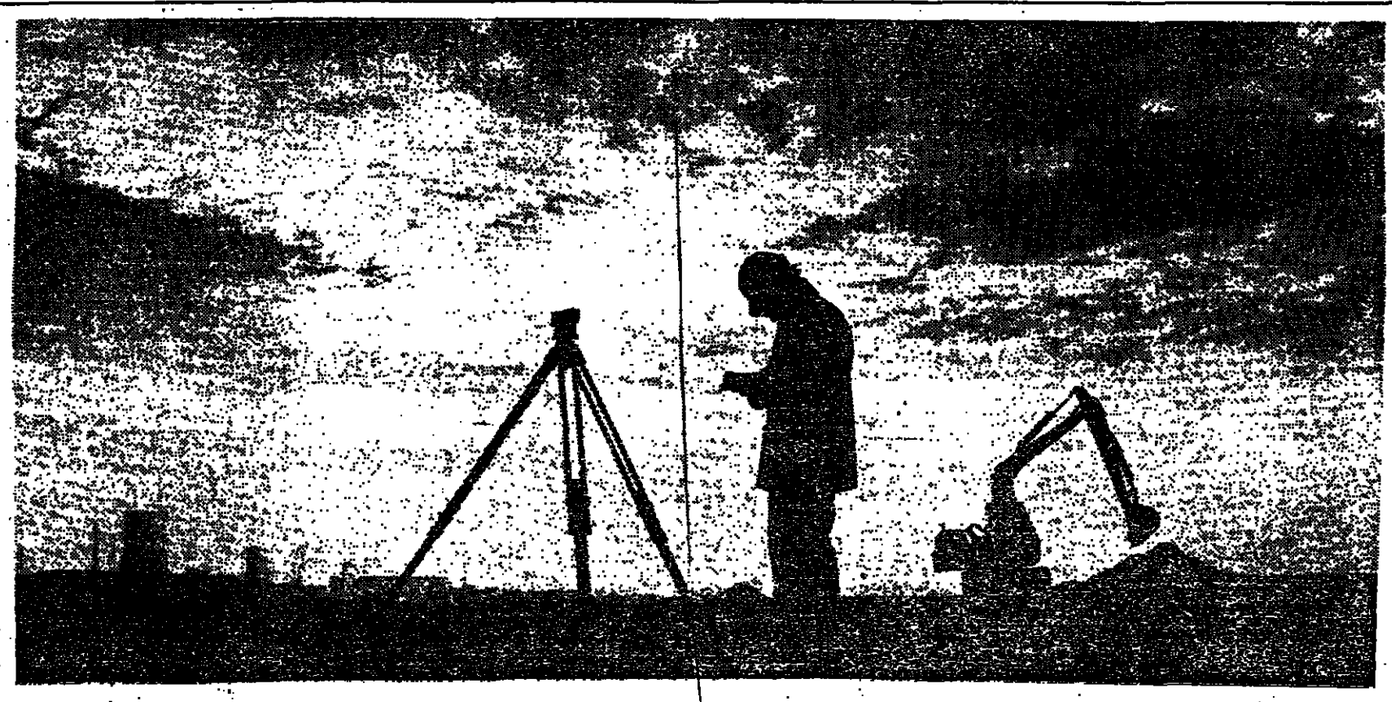
Our Transport
rrespondent

ondon bus and Tube fares go up by an average of a rter in July, three months r British Rail's fares rise between 10 and 17½ per t. London Transport con- ed yesterday.

he 5p bus fare will go up 6p, the 8p fare to 10p, the to 16p, the 16p to 20p and 20p to 26p. Underground fares will remain at their present 5p intervals, starting at a minimum fare of 10p, but each ticket will buy a shorter journey. The effect will be an average increase of 23 per cent on ordinary tickets and 29 per cent on season tickets.

Children's fares will change from half the adult charge to fares of 5p, 10p, or 15p, depending on distance. More attractive off-peak returns will be offered, and elderly or handicapped holders of bus passes will be able to travel by Underground on a maximum fare of 20p during off-peak periods.

London Transport fares rose by 70 per cent last year, in two stages after standing still for two and a half years. The new rises, which have yet to be approved by the Greater London Council, will raise an extra £45m a year.



# reedom forced on man in il for contempt

n Our Correspondent
tehaven

r Trevor McDiarmid Arting- a teacher who will not nize the authority of a and has been in prison the past six months as a ft, is to be forced to take reedom.

r Artingstoll is in Haverig m, Millom, Cumbria, for empt of court, but yester- at Whitehaven County t, after an application on behalf of the Official itor's department, Judge ter made an order that he eleased from prison in 14 time.

Mr Rodney Klevan, for the Official Solicitor's department, applied for his release without consent because it was considered that six months in jail was long enough to purge his contempt.

Mr Artingstoll, aged about 50, was sent to prison by Mr A. D. Pappworth, a deputy judge, for an indeterminate period on August 22 last year at Whitehaven County Court for failing to obey an injunction to vacate the matrimonial home; failing to obey an order not to molest his wife and children and for insulting the court.

# Pilot for trial on three firearm charges

From Trevor Fishlock
Minehead

Andrew Gino Newton, aged 29, an airline pilot, was sent for trial to Exeter Crown Court by West Somerset magistrates at Minehead yesterday charged with three firearms offences. The name of Mr Norman Scott, a former male model, was in a list of 17 witnesses read to the court.

Mr Newton, of Abinger Road, Chiswick, London, was charged with possession at Porlock on Exmoor on October 24 last year of a .25 Mauser automatic pistol and ammunition with intent to endanger life.

Two new charges were that he had no firearms licence, and that he had the pistol and ammunition without lawful authority in a public place.

The magistrates allowed bail in the sum of £100.

Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

# o evidence of uelty' hospital

private inquiry into rions concerning the ment of mental patients at n General Hospital, er Manchester, found no ce of cruelty or violence, ort stated yesterday. Over- d nurses on an under- d ward were "bad- red, frustrated and erated".

our-man tribunal sat for days last week investigat- e treatment of Mrs Sarah n, aged 45, who last year a mixed mental unit for derly.

report recommends examination of staffing services in the 151-bed iatric department, part of bed hospital.

# Heir to estate got money by deception

Henry Howard, aged 25, heir to the Castle Howard estate in North Yorkshire, was given a conditional discharge for 12 months at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, Westminster, yesterday. He had been accused of obtaining £1 by deception.

Mr Howard, an unemployed forester, was accused of deceiving Mr Stephen East, a private tutor, of Park Mansions, Knightsbridge.

The court was told that the offence was committed in February, last year, when Mr Howard was staying with Mr East. He wrote a cheque for £1 knowing that his bank account was closed.

# Talks urged on pit closures

South Wales area executive council of the National Union of Mineworkers called yesterday for a national conference to discuss policy on pit closures.

It also recommended opposition to the national executive's recommendation that development at Langwith Colliery should not be proceeded with. All pits in the area, except one, were back to normal working yesterday.

# omplaint against 'Guardian' not upheld

complaint against *The dian* arising out of alleged racy in an article about vertisement in the Israeli has not been upheld by ess Council.

P. M. Miller, of Regent London, complained although the editor was hat the article misrepre- an advertisement in the press, no communication ade to the newspaper's until two months later. r, when readers were so ed through a letter to itor, there was no rele- r explanatory comment he facts advanced in the or was there an apology. *Guardian* published on er 28, 1974, an article avid Hirst examining policy, headed "Clen- fist casts a long ", in which reference ide to the carrying by f the Hebrew press of ous unsourced advertise-

That was the image clenched fist striking rds, and under it the "there is a solution". Gabriel Padon, press or at the Israeli Embassy in London, complained to the editor that Mr Hirst had transmitted false information, and assumed the editor would wish to correct it. He wrote another letter to the editor and that was published on March 12, 1975. In it, Mr Padon said that Mr Hirst used deliberate lies in his article. The advertisement referred to was clearly marked as being sponsored by the Manufacturers' Association. An editorial footnote said that Mr Padon expressed the official Israeli view.

The next day Mr Miller wrote to the editor saying he was concerned that he should be able to rely on the objectivity of the newspaper's correspondent, and asked why Mr Padon's strictures should not be accepted. Eleven days later he wrote again to the editor saying he had a right to have his questions answered. Mr Andrew Hutton, letters page editor, replied, referring him to the editorial footnote to Mr Padon's published letter.

In submitting his complaint to the Press Council, Mr Miller denied that Mr Padon's letter had fully covered the point he had raised. When the facts came to the notice of the editor he should have immediately rectified it, instead of waiting until March 12, 1975.

Mr Geoffrey Taylor, *The Guardian's* assistant editor, told the council that the complaint was entirely groundless. If any apology or explanation was due, it should be addressed by Mr Padon to Mr Hirst for publishing in a letter to *The Guardian* an unrestrained assault on Mr Hirst's professional integrity in which the crucial statement of fact proved to have been a falsehood.

The Press Council's adjudication states:

The article in *The Guardian* contained no significant factual inaccuracy as at the date on which it was written and in respect of the period to which it related. Any misunderstanding to which it gave rise was simply corrected by the publication of a letter not itself entirely uncontroversial from Mr Padon on March 12, 1975, that being the first letter for publication which the newspaper received. The complaint is not upheld.


# Last year ICI put over £400m to work for the future

1975 was a tough year. Even so, to keep the business healthy and help Britain's economy, ICI invested a record £448 million – about two-thirds of it in the UK. This went into new plant and additional working capital.

**Exports**
ICI's exports of £586 million gave a big boost to Britain's overseas earnings and reputation abroad.

**Research**
ICI spent over £100 million on research and development. Products of ICI's research benefit people the world over – in agriculture, industry and the home.

**People**
Through the ICI profit sharing scheme, employees also become shareholders in the company. Their share of profits in 1975 totalled £17 million.

**How ICI profits help investment**

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| INCOME FROM SALES | £3,099m |
| Minus Wages, salaries, raw materials, depreciation and other costs | £2,772m |
| PROFIT (before tax) | £327m |
| Minus Tax | £108m |
| Dividends | £ 59m |
| Business partners c. | £ 28m |
| PROFIT RETAINED IN THE BUSINESS | £132m |
| Plus Depreciation – for replacing old plant and machinery | £181m |
| Funds from other sources – mainly loans | £135m |
| TOTAL INVESTED | £448m |

ICI puts profits back to work

HOME NEWS

# Social service workers fear that cuts will affect mental patients

By our Social Services Correspondent

Projects allowing mentally handicapped or mentally ill patients no longer needing hospital treatment to live in the community are likely to be among the main victims of the public expenditure plans outlined in a White Paper on Thursday, according to the British Association of Social Workers. The association is preparing information to be presented to MPs next week on the effect of the plans on the social services.

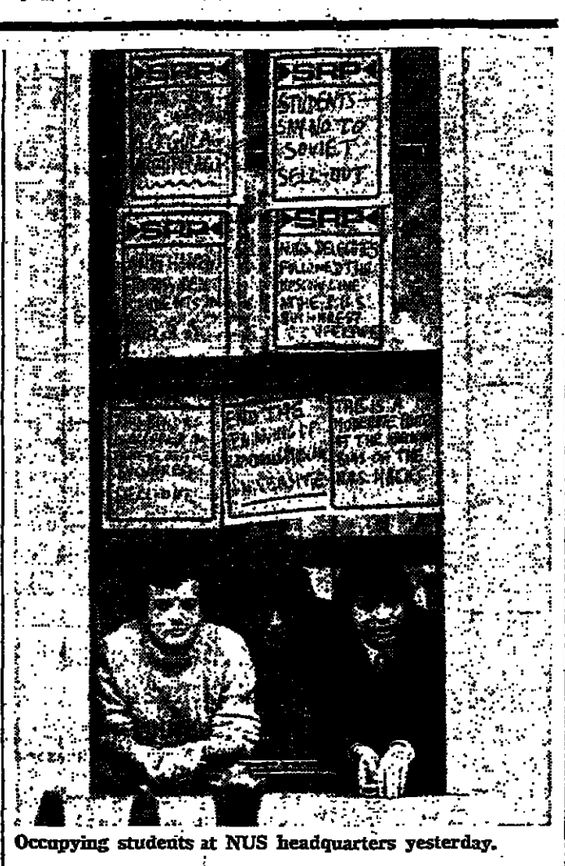
Mr Terence Bamford, assistant general secretary of the association, said yesterday that control of provision was easiest for the mentally ill and the mentally handicapped because there was alternative accommodation for them in hospitals. That was not true of the elderly or of children in care.

Local authorities face a cut of more than half their capital social services spending next year, a drop from £112.8m this year to £61.8m in 1976-77. That will help to change the emphasis on building and the White Paper said it would bring the total social services programme into better balance.

But, although the capital spending cuts will force local authorities to concentrate more on community services rather than bricks and mortar, they will mean that more people will remain in hospitals for much longer than necessary because the community hostels they need will not be built. In addition, the White Paper made clear that growth of current expenditure will not allow much room for manoeuvre in developing services.

"The 2 per cent growth in these services is sufficient to cover the current costs resulting from capital investment and to maintain existing standards of service to those groups in the population (especially the elderly and children in care) whose numbers are increasing", the White Paper said. "The programme does not, however, allow for any general improvement in standards of services."

The White Paper allowed for a start to be made on implementing the Children Act, 1975, although no decisions have yet been made to bring into force more of the Act than was introduced at the beginning of the year. It allows for some expansion of training for social workers in the light of the setting up of the Working Party on Manpower and Training for the Social Services, which has yet to report.




Occupying students at NUS headquarters yesterday.

## Land-tax cut welcomed by builders

The building industry yesterday generally welcomed the Government's decision, announced on Thursday, to reduce the level of the forthcoming development land tax. The move is seen as a response to widely expressed fears of a "land famine" in the next few years before the Community Land Act comes into full effect.

Mr Ian Deslandes, director of *the National Federation of* Building Trades Employers, although pleased by the reduction, said it did not go as far as the industry wanted.

The Government estimates that in the next two years local authorities will dispose of up to 400 acres.

That compares with an expected 150,000 new starts each year in the private sector. In other words, land bought and sold by local authorities up to April, 1978, will account for only 2 per cent of private builders' needs.

"Had we seen these figures without having been told of the proposed reductions in development land tax, we would be very worried indeed", Mr Deslandes said.

## Yard reorganizes its specialist anti-crime teams

A plan to defeat specialist crime was announced by Scotland Yard yesterday. From March 1 most specialist squads will be merged under Commander Reginald Davis, and be known as C1 Serious Crimes Branch.

The bomb squad is to be renamed the anti-terrorist squad and mobile murder squads will also be set up.

The Serious Crimes Branch, consisting of 220 specialist officers of all ranks, will include the murder squad, drug squad, forged currency squad, and other units concerned with organized crime. Post Office inquiries, and art and antique *thefts*.

Scotland Yard said the murder squad, in addition to its usual but declining role of investigating murders in the provinces, would assist with London murder investigations.

The investigation of organized car thefts, cheque and credit card frauds and allegations of bribery and corruption in the public service will be handled by an enlarged Fraud Squad, to be known as Squad C6.

## Students sit in as protest at union's 'pro-Soviet bias'

By David Henke of *The Times Higher Education Supplement*

Moderate students occupied part of the headquarters of the National Union of Students in Ensleigh Street, London, yesterday to protest against what they call "pro-Soviet bias" in the union's international relations.

Using the union's sit-in guide, *Direct Action Briefing*, which they bought from the building on Thursday, they occupied the switchboard and the NUS publications and membership departments.

An attempt to set up barricades inside and gain control of the whole building was foiled by Mr Hugh Laming, the students' treasurer.

The group of 15 students also failed to stop a meeting of the International Policy Group, called to discuss a communiqué signed by the NUS on behalf of its 660,000 members at a European meeting of 21 *student unions in Romania last* year.

Students for Representative Policies, a non-aligned group which organized the occupation, says that the communiqué is biased toward the Soviet Union and against Western European countries.

The International Policy Group of the NUS agreed yesterday afternoon to present the full report to the union conference at Llandudno in April.

## No interchange at Mitcham

The Government yesterday formally withdrew plans for a big traffic interchange at the proposed northern end of the M23 motorway à Mitcham, Surrey. The decision was predictable in the light of the abandonment of Rigway 2 and will end many years of planning blight on about 1,400 homes previously threatened by demolition or compulsory purchase.

It seems unlikely that the M23 will be extended north from its present terminal at Hooley, near Croydon, at least in the foreseeable future. But the route is still to be "safeguarded" pending discussions between the Government and the Greater London Council.

WEST EUROPE

# Madrid recognizes Catalonia as entity in historic step during King's visit to the region

From Harry Debelius

Gerona, Feb 20

King Juan Carlos arrived in Gerona today after presiding over an extraordinary session of the Cabinet during which the region of Catalonia was at last *officially recognized as an entity* by the Madrid Government. It was the first time since before the Civil War began in 1936 that a Madrid Government granted such recognition of the cultural and historic entity which makes up this region in north-eastern Spain.

The Cabinet approved six decrees, which have the effect of granting a limited degree of autonomy to Catalonia in certain matters. It also decided to name a special commission to study further steps in the direction of regional autonomy.

Speaking at a news conference in Barcelona tonight, Señor Adolfo Martin Gamero, Minister of Information and Tourism, said the Government wanted to emphasize the importance of the measure, which was fully in line with the King's concern for *regional affairs expressed in his* first message to the nation.

The King and Queen Sophia came close to being mobbed when enthusiastic spectators in Gerona broke through police lines in the ancient Gothic quarter of the city.

The crush came after police —evidently following the King's orders to let the public come close—momentarily lost control of the crowd in the square in front of the city hall. Neither the King nor Queen Sophia, who had walked from a square 200 yards away, showed any sign of apprehension when the crowd suddenly closed in.

Behind a screen of bodyguards they entered the city hall on schedule and reappeared on the balcony to cheers of *viva el Rei* (long live the King).

The unexpected demonstration and welcome occurred on the fifth day of the handshaking tour being carried out by the 38-year-old monarch and his Greek wife through the proudly independent north-eastern region of Catalonia.

The Cabinet meeting continued, but in ordinary session, after the King left to fly 55 miles north to Gerona. Other important issues being considered by the ministers, headed by Señor Carlos Arias, the Prime Minister, include a series of economic measures, possibly including stiff new taxes on luxuries and another rise in the cost of petrol.

Barcelona's municipal employees went back to work this morning after a strike which lasted more than a week. Temporary agreement was reached to continue negotiations for the next week provided the workers would return to their jobs.

Plain-clothes political policemen last night arrested a well known communist leader outside his home in Madrid.

Señor Simon Sanchez Montero was taken to the Security Police headquarters in Madrid. It is not known why he was arrested.

He has spent 15 years in prison for being a member of the Spanish Communist Party, and has made no secret of his political leanings. Recently he held news conferences in secret hideouts, and this week spoke at Madrid University, calling for an amnesty for political prisoners and the recognition of all political parties.

## Iceland air base unaffected by break

From David Cross

Brussels, Feb 20

Although the Nato partners of Britain and Iceland have expressed their deep regret over yesterday's rupture in diplomatic relations, cooperation within the alliance is expected to be unimpaired.

Nato officials said today that both British and Icelandic officials would continue to attend Nato meetings at all levels in Brussels and elsewhere. Nato's military posture was unlikely to be affected.

Nearly everyone at Nato headquarters, particularly the Americans and the West Germans, had been trying desperately to prevent the first diplomatic rupture between two Nato members. They have taken heart from the absence of new threats by the Icelanders to close down the Keflavik airbase, near Reykjavik, or to *withdraw from the alliance.*

According to well-informed sources, the Icelanders have not raised again the question of the base, which is operated by the Americans on behalf of the alliance under a bilateral agreement. The Icelanders do not appear to have reconsidered their role in Nato since the threat was made during a Nato council meeting in the middle of last month.

The general feeling in Nato circles is that, for so long as the Icelandic Government is trying to survive a general strike, there is little point in taking any new initiatives designed to end the cod war.

Although Dr Luns, the Nato Secretary-General, has said he will do his utmost to assist in bringing about a solution satisfactory to both sides, there is a general tendency among the allies to wait

Reykjavik, Feb 20.—The future of the United States military base at Keflavik will not be affected by Iceland's severing of diplomatic ties with Britain, Mr Einar Agustsson the Icelandic Foreign Minister, *said today.*

Ronald Kershaw reports from HMS Scylla, off the east coast of Iceland: Gale force winds gusting up to more than 50 knots and heavy seas with waves up to 20ft high prevented the Royal Navy task force and protection tugs from being put to their severest test of the cod war. As had been half-expected; the Icelanders put out more of their gunboats, with only three naval frigates to prevent them cutting the warps of the British trawler fleet.

*The gunboats Aegir, Thor* and Tyr, who have been trying, with only limited success, to cut warps, were being marked by Scylla, Yarmouth and Bacchante when they were joined by the Odin.

Last night two of the gunboats, Aegir and Thor, sailed inside the 12-mile limit, leaving Odin and Tyr in the fishing zone

## Communists make new power move in Italy

From Our Own Correspondent

Rome, Feb 20

Signor Enrico Berlinguer, the Communist Party leader, told Parliament tonight that Italy could no longer be governed without Communist participation. He was speaking in the debate on the vote of confidence in the new Government.

There was awareness of this, Signor Berlinguer said, but people were either hesitant or incapable of drawing the full conclusions.

The country was witnessing the wastage of possibilities of revival and the risk of collapse because of the refusal to include Communists in the direction of national political life. The arrival of the Communists would bring about a change of substance in the nature of the conduct of power.

He challenged the governing Christian Democrats, who are alone in the new minority administration, to decide whether they wanted to move *into opposition or form part* of a democratic and left-wing government.

This passage was taken to mean an increase in pressure on the visibly fading efforts of the traditional governing party. Official Communist policy has been aimed at establishing an alliance with the Christian Democrats.

Signor Berlinguer appeared today to be going further than this: He was serving notice on the Christian Democrats either to cooperate or leave the running of the country to the left. The vote on the new Government is expected tomorrow.

## Boat of lone sailor found empty

By a Staff Reporter

The trimaran Triple Arrow, in which Mr Brian Cooke, aged 54, of Lower Parkstone, Dorset, was sailing single-handed across the Atlantic, was found upside down 450 miles west of the Canaries yesterday, the National Westminster Bank announced in London. There were no signs of life.

The 46-ft trimaran was *spotted by the Norwegian bulk* carrier Señorita and growth on the hull suggested she had been upside-down for several weeks. "There was no apparent damage to the hull or rigging and the life raft was jammed underneath the boat".

Mr Cooke, a bank manager, was an experienced sailor and commodore of the bank's sailing club. The bank owned the boat in which he left Plymouth on December 7 in an attempt to sail 4,000 miles single-handed across the Atlantic in 20 days. He was due in the Canaries on December 16, but his last radio message was received on December 11.

## General Haig pays visit to East Berlin

Berlin, Feb 20.—General Alexander Haig, with an American flag and a four-star General's pennant on his car, drove through the wall into East Berlin today.

General Haig, commander of United States forces in Europe, and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, was the highest placed allied soldier known to have gone to East Berlin since the communists built the wall dividing the city in 1961.

His visit was seen as a strong endorsement of the Western view that Berlin remains a four-power city. He was in East Berlin for about an hour and called at the United States embassy there.—AP.

### President Scheel to have kidney operation

Heidelberg, Feb 20.—President Scheel is to undergo surgery tomorrow at the *Heidelberg University Clinic* for the removal of kidney stones.—UPI.

PARLIAMENT, February 20, 1976

# Homes Bill fails but Government hope to legislate next session

House of Commons

Mr David Lane (Cambridge, C), moving the second reading of the Homes Bill, said its purpose was more homes and fewer homeless. It was a modest Bill, of limited scope and objectives. He wanted to do something practical that *would bring help to as many* thousands of people as possible.

It was not a sharks' charter for unscrupulous landlords, a coach and horses driving through the rent control and security of tenure structure nor an encouragement to squatters. It was not an invitation to a number of people simply to declare themselves homeless and then to jump the *housing* queue.

In increasing security of tenure, which in itself was desirable, they had reached the point of diminishing availability. The deterrents to small landlords were formidable.

Small landlords were fearful to offer accommodation, while thousands of tenants were desperate for a roof. Too often the *twain never* met.

He had tried to put together a package of minor amendments to the Rent Act which would ensure better use of the housing stock without undermining the general structure of rent control and security of tenure.

Under the 1974 Act full security of tenure was granted to tenants in shared accommodation after the first fixed period of tenancy. The Bill provided that subsequent fixed period tenancies would be on exactly the same basis as the first.

The Bill dealt with the problem of empty flats over shops by adding this situation to the other *special circumstances where the* 1974 Act allowed lettings without full security of tenure.

The Bill encouraged lettings to students. If the house was entered in the approved register of student accommodation, students would no longer enjoy full security of tenure, just as they did not enjoy full security of tenure if they were *living in college or halls of* residence.

The Bill provided for lettings via a local authority. The landlord or landlady would let to the local authority which would sub-let, possibly to someone on the housing list. This would remove the landlord's fear that he would be unable to get back the flat when he needed it.

The Bill was intended to encourage council tenants, where they wished, to sub-let rooms.

It was the intention of the previous Conservative Government and this Government that the primary responsibility for housing the homeless should rest with housing authorities and not social service authorities. A large number of housing authorities were not carrying out their responsibilities as Government intended. There were too many cases of the buck being passed from one to another.

The Bill provided a legislative charter for the homeless. It put responsibility for the accommodation of the homeless firmly on housing authorities so there would be no chance of dodging it.

Mr David Weitzman (Hackney, North, and Stoke Newington, Lab) said the Bill was based on the false premise that the housing position would be improved by a greater free market. The most sensible Government *reform would* be to put the provisions of various Acts into one Rent Act, more readily comprehensible for ordinary people, easier for lawyers to go through and for the courts to pronounce upon.

Mr Paul Channon (Southend, West, C) said it was an appalling paradox that at a time when the population of London was falling, the numbers of homeless were disgracefully high. The single greatest thing which could help the private rented sector would be for the two main political parties to reach common ground.

Mr Laurence Pavitt (Brent South, Lab) said within a quarter of a mile of the Palace of Westminster they could see previously residential *premises now* used as offices, while huge office blocks with thousands of square feet of space stood empty.

Mr Timothy Renton (Mid Sussex, C) said it was a bitter paradox that while the present Government had entered office determined to do so much in housing, council waiting lists had become longer, empty *houses* remained empty and unimproved and fewer private landlords were still on the market.

Mr Arnold Shaw (Redbridge, Ilford, South, Lab) said the private sector in rented property had been for a long time in decline and Labour MPs felt no desire to resuscitate it.

Mr Ernest Armstrong, Under-Secretary for the Environment (Durham, North West, Lab), said Mr Lane had made a constructive and cooperative approach with his proposals. Much had been said about the declining private rented sector, but the number of dwellings let privately had fallen consistently since the First World War.

Currently, the private rented sector represented about 17 per cent of housing accommodation in Britain compared with 45 per cent just after the last war. Of that 17 per cent, 5 per cent was accommodation which went with a job.

The Government believed that this decline would continue and that there was no long-term future for the private sector in its present form. Private tenants and landlords needed their attention especially as this sector housed many of their poorest people in the worst conditions.

The Rent Acts had become too complex for ordinary people to get to grips with. The Government were *conducting* a review to look at the purposes and administrative framework of rent legislation and would consider the scope for modifying legislation.

The review was being carried out within the Department of the Environment and they hoped to have a report to study in the course of next year. If legislation *was considered* necessary in the light of recommendations, it would be introduced as soon as practicable after that.

He was dubious about piecemeal changes proposed in private members' Bills which might not be the changes a proper review might reveal as being the most necessary.

Neither the Government nor the National Union of Students considered there was a case for exemptions for students from the Rent Acts. Students were not anxious to get preferential treatment. If there was evidence that there was a need the Government would consider introducing legislation.

The Government were always anxious that local authorities should have the last word on management of their housing stock and the Government would not want to interfere in the way proposed in the Bill.

The Government would like to see embodied in future Government legislation, after adequate consultations and paper drafting, some of the good intentions of the Bill. To take intermediate measures now would do more harm than good.

It was recognized that the House would want to be assured that the Government would introduce effective and worthwhile legislation with accompanying guides and improvements on the present Bill.

It is not (he said) open to me at this stage in the present session to give a categorical assurance that the Government will be introducing legislation next session, but short of such an assurance the Government have announced their intention already to legislate to put the statutory responsibility for *accommodating* the homeless on the housing authorities and to clarify the related responsibilities of the social services and the local authorities.

It was the Government's intention to introduce legislation as soon as practicable and it was hoped to do it early in the next session of Parliament.

However well intentioned, it would not be helpful if the present Bill proceeded and the Government hoped that it would be withdrawn but if it was not, it was hoped that the House would not let it proceed further.

Mr Hugh Rossi, an Opposition spokesman on the environment (Haringey, Hornsey, C), said Mr Armstrong's remarks were disappointing. It was not sought in the Bill to have a confrontation with Labour on housing, a subject which still held acute political differences between the two parties.

The Bill had sought to pinpoint certain areas where under the existing law there were difficulties which had led to a diminishing of accommodation.

The Government's view was that nothing could be done for the small private landlord, who would disappear.

There was surely anyone in Britain who was not prepared to say that the 1974 Rent Act had had a disastrous effect on the *supply of rented accommodation.* Mr Armstrong perpetually asked for evidence.

May I suggest (he said) he comes down from the seventeenth floor of his ivory tower and speaks to the people on the ground? He will see that landlords and tenants alike are saying that the supply of private *rented accommodation has dried* up.

The evidence was there for the minister to see if he wanted to but he did not. What he wanted was to follow the great ideal of the socialist party, to bring rented property into public ownership.

Mr Bruce Douglas-Mann (Merton, Mitcham and Morden, Lab) said that a fundamental review of the Rent Act could be disastrous. They could deal with the anomalies the knew about by sending the Bill to a standing committee so that they could examine them. He used Labour MPs to support the Bill.

The debate on the second reading was adjourned.

House adjourned, 4.33 pm.

## Flat for air staff chief costs £75,000

Mr Sydney Bidwell (Ealing, Southall, Lab) asked for a statement on the expenditure of £100,000 on a new flat for the Chief of Air Staff in Whitehall.

Mr Brynmor John, Under-Secretary of Defence for RAF, in a written reply, said—It has been the practice for many years to provide official flats for holders of the Chief of Staff appointments within reasonable distance of Whitehall, for reasons of operational necessity. The opportunity is being taken to acquire a flat in the same building as those occupied by two other Chiefs of Staff.

The net cost of acquisition of the flat is expected to be of the order of £75,000 after taking account of the probable proceeds from the disposal of the flat formerly provided for the Chief of the Air Staff.

The lease of the new flat will run for some 60 years by comparison with the outstanding period of 15 years for the existing flat.

I am satisfied that the standard of accommodation which the new *flat will provide is* no greater than is appropriate to the need, taking account of the representational responsibilities of the Chief of the Air Staff as professional head of the Royal Air Force.

Our general policy in the provision of properties for the accommodation of senior RAF officers has been one of reduction. In the past few years more than 20 such houses have been declared surplus with an estimated benefit to the Exchequer of over £1m, of which property to the value of over £500,000 has been released for disposal in the past six months.

## New licence centre in 'good heart'

Mr Norman Fowler (Sutton Coldfield, C) asked whether the Secretary of State for the Environ*ment is satisfied with the work*ings of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre, Swansea.

Mr. Kenneth Marks, Under-Secretary, in a written reply, said —I am satisfied that everything possible is being done to enable the centre to deal effectively with the new driver and vehicle licensing work which is coming its way and with the task of converting local driver and vehicle licensing records to the new centralized system.

On the driver side, the centre has for several months now dealt with 98 per cent of its transactions within 10 working days; and the remaining 2 per cent include the *more difficult cases, for example* where medical investigations are necessary.

The centre is in good heart and will before long (and, I suspect, as less cost overall) be able to give the public a reasonable service and the police a service which is infinitely better than the old local authorities could have offered, had the old system been viable.

## M Chirac attempts to calm hysteria over boy's murder

From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, Feb 20

After days during which passions have run high in France after the discovery that a boy of seven, kidnapped three weeks ago, had been strangled, M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, has intervened to calm down public opinion.

He spoke impressively on television last night against the *Vox Populi*, but also against M Jean Lecanuet, the Minister of Justice, and M Michel Poniatowski, the Minister of the Interior, who had led the public outcry, urging the guillotine for the boy's killer before the chief suspect had even been charged with the murder.

M Chirac said the case "ought to be left to the courts *to handle according to* our laws, and without any pressure on them of any kind". Today the suspected killer denied the crime, maintaining he had been only an accomplice to the kidnapping.

When the body of Philippe Bertrand was found on Tuesday night beneath blankets in an hotel bedroom at Troyes, eastern France, indignation swept the country, and radio and newspaper offices were flooded with demands for retribution.

M Lecanuet defended himself for having thought of abolishing the death penalty and M Poniatowski declared that if he were on the jury, justice must be "tough and swift" with the guillotine.

The suspected killer is Patrick Henry, aged 23, a salesman.

Local lawyers have refused to appear in the case, the lawyer nominated by M Henry explaining that "a lynching atmosphere" exists in Troyes and that his wife had already been threatened on the telephone. A local lawyer today had to be officially assigned to the defence.

*Le Monde* has striven alone in the past few days to preserve that former French reputation for *sang froid*. It pointed out last night that the ministers' precipitate remarks, it wrote before M Chirac intervened, *raised serious questions* about the chance of a fair trial for the alleged killer.

## Madeira party boycotts swearing-in

Funchal, Feb 20.—The main political party in Madeira boycotted a ceremony today in which Admiral José Pinheiro de Azevedo, the Portuguese Prime Minister, swore in a new governing junta.

The centrist Popular Democrat Party (PPD), which won more than 60 per cent of the island vote in last year's election for a Portuguese constituent assembly, refused to attend because it wanted more seats on the junta.

Brigadier Carlos Azeredo, military governor and head of the new junta, told journalists that Admiral Azevedo would probably curtail a tour of the north of the island, planned for Sunday, because of an explosion just after his arrival.

There has been no indication yet who was responsible for the bomb, which caused extensive damage on the road linking Funchal to the airport. Leaflets were distributed just before the Prime Minister arrived by the separatist Madeira Liberation Front (Flama), calling on people to demonstrate against his visit.

## Hired killers blamed for shooting of journalist

From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, Feb 20

The Toulouse correspondent of the Paris weekly *Le Meilleur* was killed yesterday because of critical articles he had written, his editor said today. M René Trouvé, aged 52, had received numerous anonymous threats recently, the editor, M Alain Ayache, added.

The correspondent was found with two bullet wounds in the head near his Toulouse office. A waiter in a café near by had reported seeing two men who had waited in a passage fleeing after he had heard the shots. Police thought the men might have been hired killers.

*Le Meilleur* specializes in reporting popular, spicy scandals, national and local, of the kind the French "serious" press rarely touches.

The dead journalist had recently been cited for libel after an article in which he doubted the wartime resistance record of the president of the Toulouse local old soldiers' association. His lawyer said he had been expecting a call from him last night with promised proofs of his charges. The journalist had also written recently about local prostitution rings and property speculation.

OVERSEAS

## Communist gain from bribery case says senator

From Our Own Correspond

Washington, Feb 20

Senator Frank Church, is chairman of committees posing American intelli abuses and corporate bribes, day returned from Eu sounding an even louder al over both issues than is wont.

He denounced what Presi Ford has called a reorgan tion of foreign intelligence, vowed to pursue legislation Congress that would impose strictions and oversight covert American activi abroad. He contended "the President's purpose clearly to give the CIA (C tral Intelligence Agency) bigger shield and a l sword with which to stab a both within and without country".

Senator Church also ga warning that bribery of for government officials by Am can corporations was dire contributing to the success the communists. Citing I as the "classic example", said people there were vo communist because it was only way of protesting aga corruption at which Americ connived.

He suggested Italy mi have a communist governm after the next election, "a that's only the beginning", added: "If we do not put house in order it's going come down around us." lamented the "curious" a tude of the corporations' sen managers who tried to exp dishonesty on the ground it represented "the way bu ness is done".

Mr Church is a potent Presidential contender in Democratic Party. He said tod that he wanted to conclude t Select Intelligence Committee business by the middle of ne month before deciding future plans.

Today the occasion for Church was a breakfast me ing with *reporters after a jou* ney to Europe. He offered exculpation from bribery for a British representatives. He sa that Mr Wilson had asked hi in London whether he kne of any British involvement Lockheed or other corporation bribery.

"I told him I was not awar of any at this time", Church said.

## Court order Boeing to open books

From Frank Vogl

US Economics Correspondent

Washington, Feb 20

The Boeing Company *being forced by a judge* give the Securities Exchange Commission access to company docume which the commission belie show questionable payments foreign officials.

The court order has b made along the same lines one concerning the Lockh Aircraft Corporation gra last December. In the Boe case, as in the Lockheed ca the SEC is being restrained the court from disclosing the public the information it obtains.

A court precedent clearly been established will strengthen the comm sion's ability to investig multinational companies tha suspects of bribery.

The big question in Washi ton is what the commiss will do with the information has obtained. Informed sour suggest that it may insist t all the details of foreign br are made public.

## Lawyer arreste in Rome investigations

Rome, Feb 20.—Dr Vitt Antonelli, a Rome lawyer, arrested today, accused of ing false testimony to a m trate investigating charges Italian politicians rec money from the Lockheed craft Corporation.

He was the first person arrested in Italy during in gations into the Lockheed day. Two warrants on co tion charges were issued Tuesday, one to a business ciate of Dr Antonelli, but two people named disappe before police could pick up.—Reuter.

## Dr Kissinger ha 'pleasant' talks on visit to Braz

Brasilia, Feb 20.—Kissinger, the American Se tary of State, met Presi Geisel of Brazil for nearly hour today to discuss problems between the countries.

After the meeting, Amer officials said the discus had been pleasant. Ge Geisel had expressed sat tion at Dr Kissinger's assur that he would work to imp the trade relationship.

The Secretary of State a Brazil to assume wider more active responsibilities the world. The two sides cussed Cuba's role in An

### Cook charged with hotel fire deaths

Sydney, Feb 20.—Re John Little, a cook, ag was charged in a magist court here today with 15 m counts relating to the Hotel fire in Sydney Christmas Day. He was charged with causing the in which 15 of the 74 re died.—Reuter.

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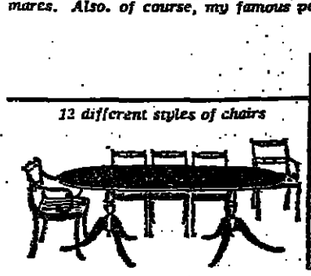

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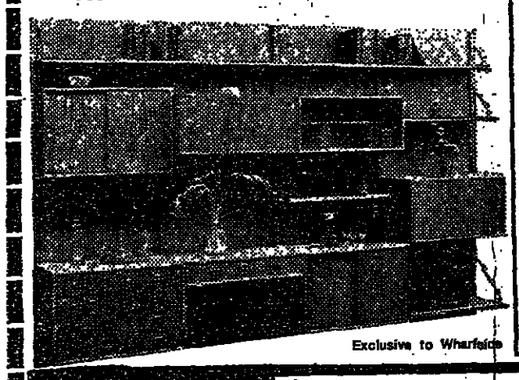

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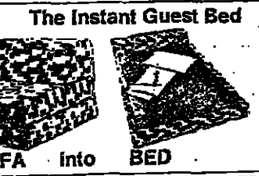

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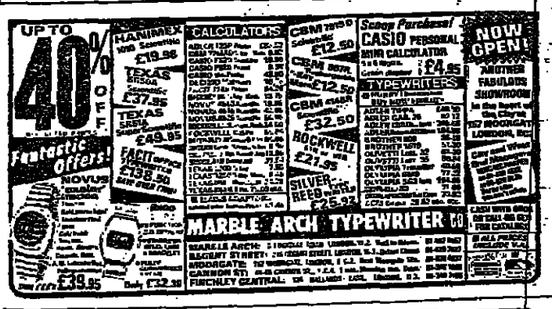


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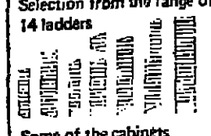

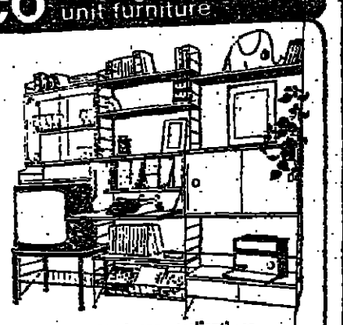

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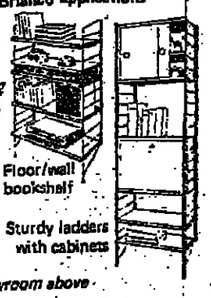

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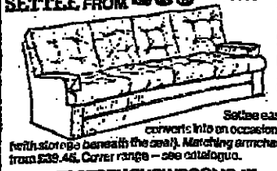

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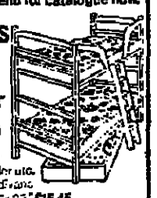

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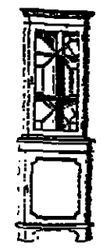

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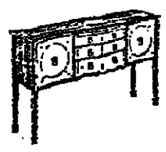

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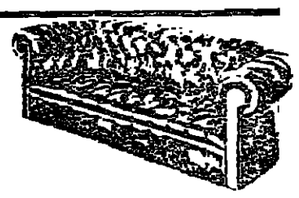

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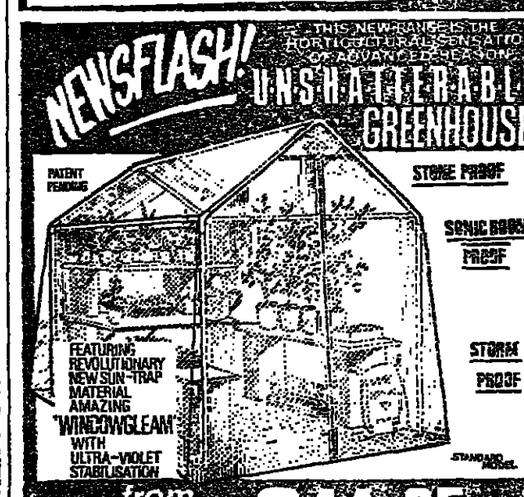


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# Moscow defends its attitude to dissidents in counter-attack on human rights critics in West

Moscow, Feb 20.—The Soviet Union today delivered its strongest counter-attack so far on critics of its record on human rights, defending the prosecution of dissidents accused of slandering the Soviet system.

A 4,000-word article in *Pravda* signed by I Alexandrov—believed to be a pen-name used for especially important policy statements—appeared to be directed at some Western communists as well as domestic readers.

It was the latest move in a campaign which has gathered strength in advance of the Soviet party's twenty-fifth congress next week. It is aimed at rebutting all Western criticism especially charges that Moscow is violating last year's Helsinki declaration.

Although the campaign has been under way in the Soviet Union for many weeks, it has reached new heights since a meeting in Warsaw in January of party secretaries in charge of ideological problems from the communist countries.

The main theme of the *Pravda* article, entitled "On Real and Imaginary Freedoms", was that "the system of Soviet democracy . . . far surpasses any bourgeois-democratic system".

In a discussion of dissidents, the article said: "There are individuals in the Soviet Union who express opinions contradicting communist ideology, and there are also anti-Soviet-ists, enemies of socialism. Some of them end up in the dock, not for their views but for actions contradicting the law."

The article explained that Soviet law punished actions aimed at the subversion or weakening of the existing order and the spreading of "deliberately false fabrications" besmirching the Soviet system.

"Our law proceeds from the principle that, just as slander besmirching the good name of one person is punishable, so slander towards the whole of society—social defamation—is punishable", it said.

The article also contained a stinging rebuke clearly directed against the French, British, Italian and other Western communist parties which have questioned "administrative" Soviet handling of dissenters.

It expressed surprise that "the bait has been swallowed by some of those who support socialism but think that they will be able to build a society of equality and justice with the help of the 'critical' promptings of the class enemy".

*Pravda* denied that dissidents were incarcerated in psychiatric hospitals simply for their beliefs, a charge highlighted recently by the release of Mr Leonid Plyushch, the mathematician, from such a hospital and a press conference he later gave on arrival in Paris. "Soviet medicine guarantees that only people with psychiatric disorders are given treatment. But it cannot guarantee that so-called dissidents will not be among them."

The article said that as Soviet power had established itself, penalties for anti-Soviet slander had been made lighter. But it added: "At the current stage of development, especially in view of the international situation, the people of a socialist country cannot do without the necessary defensive measures against those who by their actions try to undermine the order guaranteeing the rights and freedoms won by the people.

"The Soviet people, whose will is reflected in the laws of our state, are categorically against granting freedom of action to those who damage socialist society and national security. . . . However regrettable this is to the enemies of socialism, we really do not have such 'freedoms' and they must reckon with this."

The newspaper condemned Western claims "about the Soviet authorities preventing marriages between Soviet citizens and foreigners, about obstacles being put up against citizens of Jewish nationality to join their families in Israel, and about the absence of freedom of conscience in the USSR."

It added: "The true nature of persons called dissidents in the West is seen from the fact that once they are abroad, they take jobs at anti-Soviet centres controlled by imperialist secret services", citing some emigrés who work for Radio Liberty and a West German publishing house.

It said Jewish emigration was down because Jews were not applying to leave. "The Soviet Union is for them the only and beloved country, and they reject the idea of leaving it with indignation." Only 1.6 per cent of exit applications have been refused, mostly on grounds that the applicants possessed state secrets.—Reuter and UPI.

Our Brussels Correspondent writes: The three-day world conference on Soviet Jewry, which ended in Brussels on Thursday night, was unlikely to stimulate a new exodus of Jews from the Soviet Union, Mr Samuel Zivs, vice president of the Sovid Jurists' Association, said today.

As far as the Soviet Union was concerned, the present situation for Soviet Jews was "normal" and the conference could only provoke bad feelings and reactions among the Soviet people, he maintained. He describec the conference, which was designed to focus public attention on the plight of the Jews in Russia, as a "propaganda exercise" and a "provocation".

Mr Zivs was speaking to reporters in Brussels after a press conference organized by Novosti, the Soviet news agency. The Arab viewpoint was being conveyed simultaneously at a separate press conference by Mr Ezzidine Kalak, the Paris representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, who said that a "Zionist conference" in Brussels could only cast a shadow on Arab-EEC relations.

At the Soviet press conference, Mr Vadim Kozhevnikov, a member of the Supreme Soviet, criticized the final declaration of the conference as a series of "absolute lies". Jews in the Soviet Union had the same fundamental rights as all other Soviet citizens.

Israeli police stand over two Arab youths they had beaten unconscious during the protest.

# Police fire breaks up Jerusalem protest

Jerusalem, Feb 20.—Police fired into the air to disperse a crowd of young Arabs from the Temple Mount area in the Old City when they staged a noisy demonstration after Friday prayers in Al Aqsa and Omar mosques.

Police said that about 400 people were involved, some of them threatening to attack a police post. About 30 teenagers, including some from towns in the occupied West Bank, were detained, the police added.

Today's disturbance was one of a series of protests in the area since a magistrates' court two weeks ago dismissed charges against young Jews who had held a prayer meeting on Temple Mount. A number of Arabs have already been fined for their part in earlier protests.

The area, which houses two of Islam's most sacred mosques, is also revered by Jews as the site of their destroyed temple. Ultra-observant Jews will not enter the area for fear of desecrating the site of the ancient temple's Holy of Holies, the actual location of which is unknown. Until the magistrates' ruling, the authorities banned Jewish religious services there.

The state prosecutor has appealed against the decision and the Minister of Police has said that Jews will not be allowed to gather for prayers there in the meantime.—Reuter.

# Sadat tour aimed at cut in foreign debts

From Our Correspondent
Cairo, Feb 20

President Sadat sets out tomorrow on a tour of Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Qatar and Kuwait for important political and economic talks.

On the economic side, Mr Sadat is expected to discuss the possibility of further assistance, particularly from Saudi Arabia, to help Egypt's ailing economy. The oil-rich Gulf states have already provided Egypt with economic aid, either by cash, by financing industrial projects or credit facilities.

But such help has little or no impact on improving the situation in a country plagued by huge foreign debts of more than £2,500m., excluding military debts owed to the Soviet Union estimated at about £3,000m.

President Sadat said in a press interview recently that Egypt wanted some £2,000m in cash to rejuvenate its economy. Revenues from the Suez Canal, which it was hoped would reach £500m annually, were the best guarantee to repay loans, he added.

Saudi Arabia was Egypt's major financier during and after the 1973 war with Israel and total Saudi assistance is said to have reached nearly £500m.

President Sadat's visit to the the five states takes place against the background of growing feeling among Egyptians that other Arab countries, especially the wealthy ones, should help Egypt, which bore the brunt of four wars with Israel. Egyptian military losses since the 1967 war are estimated at £16,000m.

Mr Sadat will be accompanied by a high-powered delegation including Mr Salem, the Prime Minister, Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Foreign Minister, Mr Helmi Abdul Rahman, Planning Minister, and Mr Ahmed Osman, Housing and Reconstruction Minister. Mr Abdul Rahman and Mr Osman are expected to outline Egypt's economic needs.

Politically, Mr Sadat's talks in the five countries will take place at a time when Arab solidarity has been shattered by rivalries. Division is evident in the recent Syrian-Jordanian *rapprochement*, the Syrian-Palestinian alliance and Syria's attempts to reconcile King Husain of Jordan with Palestinians.

Egypt is suspicious of these moves, which are seen as designed to isolate Cairo and minimize its role in the conflict with Israel.

Egyptian political commentators and newspaper columnists have been waging a fierce attack on Syria's ruling Baath Party, which they accuse of fomenting plots to disrupt Arab unity. They also accuse the Syrian Baathists of fanning the flames of the civil war in Lebanon to bring the country under their control.

Egypt has denounced King Husain's recent recall of the dissolved Jordanian Parliament, including members of the Israel-occupied West Bank as detrimental to the status of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Cairo has also said that the king's move was a violation of the Rabat Arab summit of November, 1973, which unanimously recognized the PLO as the only representative of the Palestinian people.

Jordan has said the move was taken with the knowledge of the PLO and Syria. The Algerian-Moroccan conflict over the Western Sahara will also be discussed during Mr Sadat's talks.

# Arab newspaper closed for Israeli censorship breach

From Moshe Brilliant
Tel Aviv, Feb 20

A Defence Ministry source said today that *A Shaab*, an Arab newspaper, was shut down for publishing censored material yesterday. The breach was said to have hampered an Israel attempt to track down a Palestinian terrorist cell.

The newspaper, which has been appearing in Jerusalem since 1972, was suspended for eight days. Brigadier Walter Bar-On, the chief censor, said it was the first time since the capture of the West Bank in the 1967 war that an Arab newspaper had been penalized for censorship violation.

An authoritative Israel source said *A Shaab* had complied with the regulations for three years. Indeed the newspaper and another Arab daily, *Al Fajr*, appeared from time to time with white spaces on the censored pages.

But a few months ago, *A Shaab* began neglecting to submit all its copy. As the paper was repeatedly warned but not penalized, the source said, the editors became increasingly defiant and in recent weeks published material that had been censored.

The item that caused the suspension concerned an explosion near Nablus in which two Arabs were killed. The Israelis said the victims were terrorists who had planned sabotage in Jerusalem. The press censorship expunged from the *A Shaab* report the name of one of the victims while police began an inquiry to establish what they had been up to and who their accomplices were.

*A Shaab* ran the item as censored on February 18 but the day after it published the names of both victims without having submitted the item to the censor. The Israelis said this served to warn accomplices to cover their tracks.

# World pours money into Chile

New York, Feb 20.—Since Chile's right-wing military Government took power in a coup two and a half years ago, it has received about $2,000m (£1,000m) in foreign credits in spite of extremely serious economic troubles, a compilation from World Bank sources shows.

This is in marked contrast to what happened during the previous leftist regime of President Allende, when loans from international organizations and private commercial banks almost ceased.

Moreover, although the present Government is bankrupt and unable to meet the payments on its huge foreign debt without outside assistance, it is expected to receive an additional $500m a year until 1980 from foreign lenders, according to World Bank estimates.

Most of the credits received by Chile have been provided by private commercial banks and by international organizations such as the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank, formally known as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Mr Robert McNamara, president of the World Bank, explained the cutting off of his institution's funds to the Allende Government by pointing to Chile's economic mismanagement, reflected in mounting inflation, a huge external debt and growing balance of payments deficits. Critics of the World Bank's policies note, however, that the country's economic situation has worsened under the present authoritarian Government.

Early this month the World Bank approved a $33m loan to the nationalized Chilean copper industry, although countries representing 41 per cent of the voting stock in the bank either voted against the loan (as did the Scandinavian countries) or abstained (as did Britain and all the other European countries). The United States supported the loan.

The Chilean Administration has been charged with violating basic human rights by the United Nations Human Rights Commission, the Organization of American States, Amnesty International and the International Labour Organization. Mr McNamara has indicated that the articles of agreement of the World Bank state that only economic considerations, not politics, can be taken into account in taking loan decisions.

The $2,000m in credits the junta received in 1974 and 1975 included $729m from international organizations, including the International Monetary Fund, $295m from bilateral aid, almost entirely from the United States, Brazil and Argentina, and $275m from suppliers' credits.

In addition, in late 1973 and 1974, private banks advanced about $500m in loans to Chile, followed by between $45m and $50m in loans last year. More recently, a consortium of American and Canadian banks, including the Bank of America, extended $160m in credits.

The First National City Bank opened a branch in Santiago last December. The Bank of America, the only other United States bank that had branches in Chile before foreign banks were nationalized four years ago, is reviving a finance company in which it holds a 95 per cent interest.

The First National Bank of Boston is planning to establish a finance company in Santiago and the manufacturers, Hanover Trust Company, one of the first United States banks to lend to Chile's present Government, is buying into the Chilean Banco Unido de Fomento with the Banco do Brasil and the Bank of Tokyo.

Immediately after the coup, United States industrial corporations were also enthusiastic about investing in Chile. The New Government moved swiftly to open the economy to foreigners with a liberal new investment code and to dismantle the socialist enterprises that had grown up under President Allende.

So far, however, only about $240m of foreign investments has been approved, 80 per cent of it in mining, and only a fraction of that amount has been spent.—New York Times News Service.

Santiago, Feb 20.—Chile has condemned as libel a United Nations Human Rights Commission resolution which accused President Pinochet's Government of regularly using torture and violating human rights.

Señor Patricio Carvajal, the Foreign Minister, told a press conference he was amazed the commission could reach that conclusion, based on the statements of "anonymous exiles".

He said the resolution, passed in Geneva yesterday, was libellous, and that the commission was resentful because its special working group was denied entry to Chile last year.

# Rhodesia seen as main danger to S Africa

From Nicholas Ashford
Johannesburg, Feb 20

Today's announcement by Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, that he is prepared to include the British Government in the constitutional talks with the African National Council, has helped to dispel some of the gloom with which South Africa had been viewing the situation there. However there is still considerable pessimism that even direct British involvement can succeed in bringing about a settlement.

From a South African point of view, the situation is regarded as a greater danger than that on the Angolan border with South-West Africa, where the prospect of a direct confrontation between the South African and MPLA-Cuban armies appears to have receded. Unless a settlement is reached quickly, an escalation of the guerrilla violence along Rhodesia's vulnerable border with Mozambique seems likely, possibly involving Cuban advisers and even troops.

What South Africa fears is that it could be dragged into such a conflict against its will. This would almost certainly destroy what chances remain for the republic to mend its fences with the black states to the north and would also bring it into direct confrontation with Mozambique.

At present, the South African position appears to be to keep as much distance between Salisbury and Pretoria as possible. But if the latest British initiative fails and the fighting in Rhodesia becomes more serious with whites getting killed in substantial numbers, South Africa would be put in a quandary.

It would have to weigh the possible diplomatic advantages of keeping out of such an affray against the strong emotional pressures that would develop among whites here to protect their "kith and kin".

At the moment the feeling in official circles would be to keep well clear of such a conflict. One senior Government source said: "If Britain is not going to protect the white minority against the black majority, why should we?" He conceded that there would be strong political pressures to do so.

If South Africa succumbed to these pressures, it would mean that its forces would not only be engaged on two fronts simultaneously. In Rhodesia they would be fighting for a regime which had no support anywhere else in the world. Mozambique would almost certainly sever its rail link with South Africa and cut off its supply of workers in the gold mines.

This would hurt South Africa more than Mozambique. About 40 per cent of the trade from the industrialized triangle around Johannesburg passes through Maputo (formerly Lourenço Marques). It could be rerouted only with difficulty and at considerable expense. Mozambique miners account for about a third of the total mine labour force and they would be difficult to replace, even if Malawi allowed recruitment again.

For the moment South Africa is keeping its cards close to its chest. Any diplomatic moves that may be going on are being conducted with the utmost secrecy. However, the recent visit by the unnamed British envoy would suggest that one final attempt is being made to persuade Mr Smith that he is totally on his own and must grasp this chance to settle with Mr Nkomo.

# A puzzled America sees Nixon tour start

From Fred Emery
Washington, Feb 20

Mr Richard Nixon, who, as President Ford reminded questioners last night, resigned in "disgrace", today came out of his Californian exile and flew to China as guest extraordinary of the Government in Peking.

The former president, accompanied by Mrs Nixon and his residual retinue of Secret Service bodyguards, boarded in silence a specially fitted Boeing 707 airliner, which the Chinese Government had sent to collect them, at a remote cargo section of Los Angeles international airport.

The original intention had been to pick them up at a marine air base near the Nixon home, but public criticism evidently prevented it.

Mr Nixon is returning to Peking on the fourth anniversary of his trail blazing journey there as President, making the score three trips by American presidents and former presidents and none by Chinese leaders in return.

No one in Washington claims to know why the Chinese have invited him. It is known that those deemed "friends of China" are given the red carpet treatment even when out of power. Some have assumed that the Chinese are thinking of promoting him as a symbol of the high days of their anti-Soviet policy.

But the Chinese have made a serious miscalculation if they think they can help rehabilitate a man such as Mr Nixon. The criticism against Mr Nixon for accepting the invitation, coinciding with the first presidential election primaries, has been unusually severe.

Today, senior Chinese diplomats went to Los Angeles to see the Nixons off.

Mr Nixon will presumably bring back a nodding acquaintance with Mr Hua Kuo-feng, the acting Prime Minister. Mr George Bush, new director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and for a year America's head of mission in Peking, had to admit yesterday he had never met Mr Hua.

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# Ethiopia priests hail removal of archbishop

Addis Ababa, Feb 20.—Ethiopian priests and laymen have welcomed the military rulers' removal this week of the head of the Ethiopian Orthodox Christian Church, reports by the official news agency said today.

Abuna (Archbishop) Tewoflos was deposed on Wednesday. The Government accused him of "misrule and despotic management" of the Church and of responsibility for killings.

The Government also said that priests and monks at one Addis Ababa church are ready to provide documents detailing the archbishop's alleged misconduct.

# Guards freed after siege at Canadian prison

New Westminster, Canada, Feb 20.—Three prisoners released three guards last night after authorities bowed to their demands and brought to an end a 14-hour siege at a jail in British Columbia.

The three guards were seized yesterday morning by Andrew Bruce and Dwight Lucas, both serving life terms for murder, and Dwight Lowe, convicted of attempted murder. The end of the siege came when Mr Dragan Cernetic, the prison director, meet the prisoners' demands to be transferred to the Dorchester Federal Prison in New Brunswick.

# Seized passports protest

By a Staff Reporter

The National Council for Civil Liberties is to question the Foreign Office on the decision to confiscate the passports of British mercenaries returning from Angola.

Miss Patricia Hewitt, the council's general secretary, said yesterday that she intended to raise a number of points with the Foreign Office and try to get MPs to question Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, in the Commons.

She said: "We have always taken the position that passports should be issued as a right and there should be safeguards if they are taken away. There should be legislated criteria and the right of appeal. If Parliament wants to take action against mercenaries, it should be done by means of legislation."

The passports were collected by the police as the mercenaries arrived in London and the Foreign Office has stated that they will be returned only if the men sign a declaration.

This originally stated that the man who signed it undertook not to travel to Angola as a mercenary, and, furthermore, had "no intention of engaging in mercenary activities".

Yesterday the Foreign Office said the declaration had been amended to omit the second part, because the declaration was intended to apply only to Angola and not to be all-embracing. So far five mercenaries have signed the declaration.

According to the Foreign Office, declarations were first used in 1961 to restrain mercenaries from fighting in the Congo (now Zaire)

# Inept campaign hits Ford chances as polls show conflicting trend

From Patrick Brogan
Manchester, New Hampshire, Feb 20

US Presidential Elections 1976

President Ford is in New Hampshire in a last effort to beat Mr Ronald Reagan in the Republican primary, and thus to hold on to the presidency. The opinion polls are conflicting, some showing that Mr Ford has been making gains at Mr Reagan's expense, others that the former f[illegible]r and Governor of Cali[illegible] is well ahead of the former football player and congressman from Michigan.

The President says that he is confident of victory and that, even if he loses, there are another 30 primaries ahead which he said win, thus ensuring the nomination for himself. No one else is so sure. If the result is close Mr Ford will fight on, hoping with the weight of his office to overwhelm Mr Reagan, whose intellectual inadequacies are becoming increasingly evident.

If he loses badly, of course, Mr Ford might as well pack his bags for Grand Rapids. Vice-President Rockefeller and, perhaps, Mr Elliot Richardson, the Secretary for Commerce, are already getting themselves ready to rush into the breach.

Mr Ford was at Keene, in the mountainous west of the state, last night and had a couple of thousand cheerful, polite, but not wildly enthusiastic people gathered to hear him in the gymnasium of the local high school. They cheered him for 60 seconds when he arrived, and cheered his wife for 30 seconds when she took her bow.

As is the custom in American politics, the candidate's advance men distributed hand-drawn posters for people to wave, to create an illusion for televison of a thriving cottage industry in Ford slogans in western New Hampshire. Unfortunately, and typically, they spelled his name wrong. Mr Ford has made a point of explaining that he wishes to be known as Jerry with a "J", not Gerry with a "G" as the posters had it.

The ineptitude of the President's campaign here is already a subject of marvel. His main headquarters in the state capital, Concord, had three people working yesterday afternoon. By comparison, each of the Democratic offices teems with enthusastic youths and competent seniors. The public relations director of the President Ford Committee (PFC) professed to see an advantage in the fac that volunteers are now calling potential voters on the telephone, several months after the Reagan camp started using that particular technique.

The Reaganites, of course, have moved on since then and theirs is a formidable performance. If organization was the key to success, Mr Ford would never stand a chance against them.

The President made a speech and answered questions last night. One of them was the perennial question on the Nixon pardon. Mr Ford again defended his action, saying that Mr Nixon had been severely punished by resigning in disgrace and that his trip to China was an entirely private affair. Some New England commentators believe that Mr Ford cannot himself escape from the Nixon stigma, which cost the Republicans a New Hampshire Senate seat last year.

Mr Ford attacked various Reagan suggestions and was politely applauded. Many or perhaps even most of the people there had come to see and hear the President, not to demonstrate their support for the candidate.

One questioner asked the President's opinion on a move to write the name of Mr Richardson on the ballot as vice-presidential candidate. There is an old tradition here of writing in names and this time there is a campaign to write in Senator Hubert Humphrey's name for the Democrats, and that of Mr John Connally, former governor of Texas, for the Republicans.

The question about Mr Richardson drew warm applause, and so did Mr Ford's answer that indeed he would make an excellent vice-president.

Meanwhile the local newspaper, the only important one in the state, keeps up a relentless drum beat of support for Mr Reagan and denigration of the President. Its eccentric and extravagantly right-wing publisher, Mr William Loeb, who once shot the office cat and refers to Mr Rockefeller as a "wife swapper" although he has had more wives himself than the Vice-President, delights in the power his newspapers give him.

Mr Meldrim Thomson, the state governor, thinks that Mr Reagan will win easily but Mr Loeb is more cautious and says that "It's a horse race". That seems a fair judgment.

# Peking policy 'unaffected by power struggle'

From David Bonavia
Peking, Feb 20

Mr Hua Kuo-feng, China's new acting Prime Minister, has said that the country's foreign policy will not be affected by its internal political struggle. Mr Hua, whose appointment came as a surprise when it was announced two weeks ago, was speaking last night to Herr Alfred Dregger, a leading member of the West German Christian Democratic Union.

Mr Hua said China continued to support West European integration and opposed Soviet policy in Europe. Commenting further on the Soviet Union's policies, Mr Hua said they were not the work of one man alone, and the removal of one man would not necessarily change them.

He referred with apparent bitterness to the fact that Vladivostok and Khabarovsk, in the Soviet Far East territories, once belonged to China. His remarks evidently were intended to quell speculation that his appointment might signal the start of a new Sino-Soviet thaw.

Meanwhile, some military attachés in Peking have been told by Chinese officials that Mr Teng Hsiao-ping, the deputy Prime Minister, who apparently was passed over by Mr Hua's appointment, retains his post as Chief of the General Staff of the armed forces.

Yet at Tsinghua University, the city's main centre for scientific and technological studies, a big wall poster today listed 100 quotations believed to be attributed to Mr Teng, allegedly opposing the policies of Chairman Mao Tse-tung. They were said to be from the period before the Cultural Revolution.

Busloads of people were being brought on to the campus from other parts of the city and the crowd at the gates was so great that officials used loudhailers to control it.

It seems that the power struggle between Mr Teng and a group of "radicals" in the party Politburo and Central Committee continues unabated. Reports from Changsha, the capital of Chairman Mao's native province of Hunan, tell of a lively wallpaster campaign. Mr Teng and his supporters are referred to in the official press as "the unrepentant capitalist roaders within the party".

In the midst of this confusion, Mr Richard Nixon is due to arrive in Peking tomorrow evening in a special Chinese aircraft, which was sent to California to pick him up for a second visit to China, believed to been requested by Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

# Zambian copper seized in Angolan port

From Our Correspondent
Lusaka, Feb 20

The Russian and Cuban-backed Angolan Government of Dr Agostinho Neto has seized a ship carrying Zambian copper at the port of Lobito, President Kaunda told a press conference in Lusaka today.

Seizure of the ship was seen by political observers in Lusaka as the first sign of strained relations between Zambia and the Popular Movement (MPLA) Government of Angola.

The seizure of Zambian cargo also casts doubts on the possibility of the Angolan Government reopening the vital Benguela railway to Zambian traffic after Zambia's rejection of diplomatic recognition of the MPLA Government.

President Kaunda told the packed press conference that only a political solution to the crisis in war-torn Angola would bring peace, and insisted that his Government would not go on its knees asking the Angolan Government to trade with Zambia.

He said: "The Angolan situation is a very sad one. We see in this situation that governments which are socialist at home are imperialistic abroad, resulting in a political Irish stew in Angola.

"Zambia has no interest in Angola apart from seeing that there is peace there and we want all foreign forces out of Angola. Zambia will do everything possible to see that there is genuine peace in Angola."

Victory had come to Angola, not because of the MPLA but because of the Soviet Union and Cuba. "Cuban and Soviet liberators should leave the task of liberating Africa to Africans."

Referring to Zambia's right to criticize big powers when, in his view, they were wrong, the President said Zambia had criticized the Soviet Union when it invaded Czechoslovakia. Immediately after this comment, Mr Stanislav Kohousek, the Czechoslovak Ambassador, walked out of the hall.

Asked if he had left because of the President's remarks, Mr Kohousek said later: "You could be near the truth."

President Kaunda also said that liberation movements in Africa had knocked at the doors of Western countries for military aid in their struggles, but only Communist countries had responded.

He denied that he had secret dealings with Mr Vorster, Prime Minister of South Africa, and that he had a hand in calling on that country to move its troops into Angola as had been reported in South Africa.

President Kaunda denied rumours that Zambia was receiving financial help from South Africa, and said that Zambia would take legal action against newspapers, broadcasting stations and other news media which reported untruths about the country.

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# Defiance in Prague

## by Iverach McDonald

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Iverach McDonald was in Czechoslovakia as special correspondent of *The Times* during that summer and autumn while Hitler was increasing his menaces and his demands for the Sudeten borderlands. In the weeks before the Munich surrender the Czech civilians showed themselves as resolute as the soldiers who were manning the frontier fortifications.

These were the days when it was still possible to believe. Talks were still going on in Prague. But the calm was soon to break. For me it ended on September 7, back in Prague. About noon I had an urgent summons to see Lord Runciman at his office in the Alcron Hotel, just off the Wenceslas Square. For weeks he had been leading his fact-finding mission on behalf of the British Government. As I went into his room he was standing there, blinking, shoulders drooping, with as miserable a look on him as I had ever seen on anyone. "This is a black day for us", he said. Only the day before he had allowed himself to hope. President Benesh had informed the Sudeten German representatives about the Government's latest proposals (the famous Fourth Plan) which gave the Sudeten German leaders everything they had ever asked for in the way of *home rule*. But by the time I saw Runciman two things had gone badly wrong. First, it was already clear that the Sudeten Germans were recoiling from the victory they had gained, and were seeking pretexts for rejecting the offer. Rejection would prove that the Nazi leaders wanted not Sudeten autonomy but secession, not a settlement but conquest and disruption.

Secondly, said Lord Runciman, giving me an *Et tu, Brute* look, *The Times* had that very morning published its explosive article. Every historian of the Munich period must now know its key passage by heart. It foresaw that the Sudeten Germans might deliberately demand more than Prague could possibly yield, thus proving that they were not "at ease" in Czechoslovakia. "In that case", the article stated, according to the revised version in the later editions, "it might be worth while for the Czechoslovak Government to consider whether they should exclude altogether the project, which has found favour in some quarters, of making Czechoslovakia a more homogeneous state by the secession of that fringe of alien populations who are contiguous to the nation with which they are united by race". In other words, Prague should let the Sudeten lands go outright to Germany.

As I had not read the article, and in any case totally disagreed with the brief extracts I had seen on the tapes, there was little I could do but feel as miserable as Runciman looked. He asked me to tell Printing House Square that the article could not have come at a worse time from his point of view. He thought that his mission was now probably hopeless, but would try, without much confidence, to get the Sudeten Germans back into the talks and would tell Czechoslovak Ministers that *The Times* was not the voice of the British Government. He was also sending off a message to Halifax and he gave me the gist of it much as it appeared in *Documents on British Foreign Policy* 11 years later: "Leading article in today's *Times* has added to our difficulties. We are dealing with the matter here, but it would be useful to caution them against adventurous speculations at a time when we are hoping to make progress." The last paragraph of the article is a recommendation of an 'Anschluss'."

I duly sent off my telegram to the editor, Geoffrey Dawson, adding to the many others which he received that day on the shattering effects of the article. Everywhere I went in Prague during the next few days I was pounced upon by officials, diplomats, and journalists. I could shake very few of them out of their treasured opinion that *The Times* was the direct voice of the British Government. Most of them greeted my denials with the smiles of men who knew that denials were a *predictable and time-honoured* part in the game. For myself I was not at all comforted by knowing that the article was entirely home-made in Printing House Square. Given the standing and great influence of *The Times* in those years (long before the television era) I knew the damage would be at least as great as if the article had been inspired directly by the Government. In many ways it would be greater. The article was a signal that Chamberlain had allies. *The Times* was not simply tagging along behind the Government.

Geoffrey Dawson was of course in sympathy with Chamberlain and Halifax; he saw a good deal especially of Halifax. His deputy editor, Robin Barrington-Ward, was carried forward by a burning mission to save the world from another war. To that end, he wished to see all possible German grievances removed and all reasonable German claims met. Like Halifax, he told me more than once that Germany was ordained to exert influence over central and eastern Europe. From the highest of motives both men wished *The Times* to give its own push to events, and on September 7 it gave that push.

One often hears it said now that the September 7 article started the downward rush to Munich. My own reading is that the movement had already begun; the article gave it the maximum publicity and ensured that it gathered momentum, like a shout of "Fire" when people are already prudently moving towards the exit. It may indeed have encouraged the Nazi leaders not to resume the talks in Prague at that precise time, but their main decision to break off had already been taken. Whichever view is held, men on *The Times* still shrank for years afterwards at the thought of September 7, which provides the supreme example of producing the wrong article at the wrong time.

After September 7 the menaces increased in intensity. In Prague we watched with growing agony and bewilderment. Chamberlain flew to see Hitler at Berchtesgaden on September 15; the British and French Governments then put ruthless pressure on President Benesh to yield up the Sudeten areas. September 21 brought the first reports in Prague that President Benesh and his government had in fact given way, and agreed to let the Sudeten regions go to Germany. Resistance had turned to surrender.

It was then, on September 21, that the people of Prague decided for the first time to take a direct hand in events. Very quickly crowds began to gather in the Vaclavske Namesti, the Wenceslas Square, which is not a square but a broad, upward sloping boulevard, a smaller Champs Elysées. At first they stood about in threes and fours, reading the papers and arguing. Some larger groups were mainly young men and girls, shabbily dressed. Soon men and women came in hundreds, then thousands, filling the square. They began by seeming wholly bewildered. Many were weeping. "What fools we were to spend such money on frontier defences", I heard one man say, but few followed that line. "We don't need any more guarantees", said another, "we want aeroplanes." A well dressed woman stopped, guessing that I was British. "Each night," she said in a cultured voice, "I pray that Heaven may punish France for her treachery and Britain for her blindness."

As evening came on the great crowd seemed to find a common mind. There were shouts, "No concessions. Let's get rid of the defeatists. We won't give up Prague. The army should take over. General Syrovy for Prime Minister. Down with the Government."

Still without anyone giving orders the crowds began moving out of the bottom end of the square, shouting and singing the national anthem. Police said that there were two hundred thousand on the streets, some in the loose processions, some waiting on the pavement. The marchers went on through the Old Square, past the statue of the Protestant hero, John Hus, and over the beautiful Charles Bridge with its double line of statues on each side. They climbed up the twisting streets on the other bank of the river Vltava. A police cordon good humouredly turned them away from the narrow lane leading to the British Legation. Some shopkeepers speedily put up their shutters.

The crowds now knew where they were going: to the heart of the nation's traditions, the Hradcany Palace on the top of the hill, once the baroque residence of the Bohemian kings, now the President's home and office. As I walked with them, and watched them moving along without disorder, entirely resolute, there came into my mind Walter Scott's description of the Edinburgh crowd during the Porteous troubles in 1737, proceeding on their way with "a temper rather stubborn than impetuous, sedate though ferocious".

In front of the palace the people called again for General Syrovy, the highly popular Inspector General of the Forces, to take over and for all concessions to be stopped. Then the shouting changed. It took on a deeper meaning that caught one's breath. "Tell us the truth. We want the truth." It was a sovereign demand: the people in assembly were consciously taking their stand on the country's proud watch word, "Great is the truth and it shall prevail".

It was now well past midnight. Lights in the palace showed that President Benesh and his ministers were still seeking a way out of the catastrophe which threatened the country. A light brightened. Some said that Benesh himself had appeared. At all events word was quickly passed from man to man that Benesh had promised that Syrovy would lead the Government. There were a few cheers but no jubilation, rather a sense that the struggle for the country was only beginning.

A few days later the people showed their will more formidably. I was in the hall of my hotel at the lower end of the Vaclavske Namesty on the evening of Friday, September 25. At 10.20 pm, there came an urgent blaring from the loudspeakers outside. All classes of men under 40 to report immediately to their military depots. People gave a long shout of relief and approval. In 10 minutes the whole of the broad boulevard, which had been as bright as Piccadilly with moving cars, became dark as a mass of men, walking shoulder to shoulder the whole width of the thoroughfare, pressed on to the station. In place of the noise of trains and cars all one heard was the heavy swish and slur of hundreds of shoes. Some women walked with the men, the older ones tearful, the younger ones proudly holding on to the arms of their fathers and husbands. "Well, it had to come." "We won't let those German brutes through." Tramcars were soon commandeered by volunteer wardens; some of the drivers and conductors had already gone off to the colours. Women jumped out of private cars to let men ride in them to their depots. Waiters said brief goodbyes in hotels and restaurants. Lorries trundled past, taking more men through the walking crowds. I had never imagined that a general mobilization could happen with so little fuss.

A little later—when war seemed certain, telephone lines were cut, and almost all frontiers were closed—I went in the last train to leave Prague for Poland. I wanted to send off my despatch on the mobilization from there and, if war came, go on to London to join up. The train was full of Czech soldiers either in uniform or mufti, going up to their frontier stations. Munich was still a few hours off. All faced the coming fight without any bravado but with a quiet, steady belief that they could hold on until France, Britain, and Russia would be, inevitably, as they thought, drawn in. Brigadier Stronge, the British Military Attaché, interpreted the mood of the men in the same way: "I have no doubt whatsoever", he has written, "that . . . when general mobilization took place, the army as a whole, officers and other ranks alike, were not only prepared to fight but inclined to want to fight and settle the matter once and for all."

The third demonstration by the people in Prague came a few days later. It is something that any westerner would wish he had not seen. Munich had happened. Threatened with immediate war by Germany, and told by Britain and France that Czechoslovakia would be left to founder alone unless she submitted, Dr Benesh and his Ministers surrendered. Long sleeplessness and hours of browbeating from friends and allies had brought them (people close to them told me) to a state when they were long past coherent thought. So Czechoslovakia was to be broken up.

The people came again on to the streets, again in their thousands, but this time weeping with grief, rage, shame and exhaustion. One morning I saw a large number of men and women in the Old Square around the statue of John Hus, burnt for his faith in 1415: they had been drawn there by a common impulse yet they could say nothing, only sit there, their eyes streaming, and their faces working.

Up near the frontier regions once again, I saw Czech units—so calm, so confident a few days before—coming back in retreat, unable to speak in their misery. A young officer told me he could hardly face his men. He had just had to order them to give up the forts they had been trained to defend. At one place I came back to my car to find the Czech driver surrounded by a menacing group of Sudeten Germans in some kind of uniform. Quite calmly he was waiting for me, and we drove off through the angry group. Long lines of soldiers filled the roads all the way back to Prague. Some of the men knew that they had neither home nor job ahead of them, for they lived—as nearly a million other Czechs lived—in regions now handed over by Munich to Germany.

Western correspondents could only describe the disaster as best they could. At that time it was frequently said, and has been often repeated, that Geoffrey Dawson was intent to cut out anything from foreign dispatches which did not fit in with the paper's editorial commitment to appeasement. My own testimony is that neither before nor after Munich were any of my dispatches cut in any way, and they certainly did not bolster the paper's policy. Only once did I get a remonstrance from Printing House Square. In the days immediately after Munich the Czech people's overwhelming misery and despair were all that anyone could report on. Nothing else was happening. One morning I received a cable that was a gem radiant with tact and total incomprehension. "*Times* sympathetically interested in Czechic reconstruction but please report factually as well as sentimentally." I thought of having it framed.

"Facts" were however beginning to come in fast by then, and in the next days *The Times* printed several long dispatches from me on the paralysing losses of mines, heavy industry, textile plants, light industry, and farm land which Bohemia and Moravia faced. Britain offered Prague £10m credits. It meant precious little when the Czechoslovak Government had spent £80m at French instigation on the frontier defences alone, and when it faced the ruinous cost of rerouting roads and railways which had been cut as Germany, Poland and Hungary advanced their frontiers. To the east Prague was facing an upsurge of Slovak separatism. Not surprisingly some ministers and several hitherto staunch newspaper editors declared openly that what remained of Czechoslovakia—a ruined, defenceless rump—had better try to come to terms with Germany without further ado.

Churchill's devastatingly accurate judgment in the House of Commons on October 5 was quoted in Prague at the time, and it stands today:

"Silent, mournful, abandoned, broken, Czechoslovakia recedes into the darkness. We have sustained a total and unmitigated defeat. . . . The whole equilibrium of Europe has been deranged."

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## CINEMAS

**ABC 1 & 2**, Shaftesbury Ave. 836 8861. Sep. perfs. ALL SEATS BKBLE. 1 BARRY LYNDON (A). Wk. & Sun. 2.25, 7.55. Late Show tonight 11.35. 2 THE SUNSHINE BOYS (A). Wk. & Sun. 2.00, 5.30, 8.30.

**ACADEMY ONE.** 437 2981. Joan Micklin Silver's HESTER STREET (U). Progs. 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.35.

**ACADEMY TWO.** 437 5129. Kurosawa's SEVEN SAMURAI (X). Complete version. Progs. 12.30, 4.00, 7.40.

**ACADEMY THREE.** 437 8819. Marcel Carné LES ENFANTS DU PARADISE (A). Show times 4.45, 8.0.

**COLUMBIA**, Shaftesbury Ave. 734 5414 THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KING (A). Cont. Prgs. Wk. 2.10, 5.00, 7.35, Sun. 2.40, 5.00, 7.50. Late show Sat. 11.15.

**CURZON**, Curzon St., W.1. 499 3737 BURT LANCASTER in Visconti's CONVERSATION PIECE (X). Film at 2.0 (not Sun.), 4.10, 6.20, 8.35. Late show Saturday at 11 p.m.

**DOMINION**, Tott Crt. Rd. (580 9562) THE KILLER ELITE (X). Cont progs 1.10 (not Sun.), 3.30, 5.45, 8.15. Late show Sat. 11.15.

**EMPIRE**, Leicester Square. 437 1234. HUSTLE (X). Progs. Daily, 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.30 p.m. Sep perfs. All seats bookable. No phone bookings.

**GATE CINEMA**, Nott. Hill. 727 5750 Mizoguchi's SANSHO DAYU (A), 1, 3.35, 5.45, 8.30. HAROLD & MAUDE (AA) & 2 LANE BLACKTOP (X) 11.15.

**LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE** (930 5252). THE RETURN OF THE PINK PANTHER (U). Cont. progs. Mon.-Fri. 1.00, 3.00, 5.35, 8.10. Sat. 12.30, 3.00, 5.35, 8.10. Sun. 3.00, 5.55, 8.10. Circle seats may be booked.

**ODEON HAYMARKET.** (930 2738/2771). Dustin Hoffman "LENNY" (X). Sep. progs. Wk. 2.00, 5.15, 8.30. Sun. 4.30, 8.30. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. All seats may be booked.

**ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE** (930 6111). BREAKHEART PASS (A). Cont. progs. Wk. 1.00, 3.20, 5.50, 8.25. Sun. 3.20, 5.45, 8.20. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.45.

**ODEON MARBLE ARCH** (723 2011/2) GREAT EXPECTATIONS (U). Sep. progs. Wk. 12.45, 4.15, 8.00. Sun. 4.15, 8.00. All seats may be booked.

**ODEON, ST. MARTIN'S LANE**—SOME OF DISNEY MOVIES—THE JUNGLE BOOK (U). For info. 240 0071. Box Office 836 0691. Sep. progs. Wk. 2.30, 5.15, 8.45. Feature 3.05, 6.20, 9.30. Sat. progs. 11.15 a.m. 2.30, 5.45, 8.45. Sun. progs. 2.45, 5.55, 8.45. Bkble.

**PARIS PULLMAN**, Sth. Ken. 373 5898. Herzog's ENIGMA OF KASPAR HAUSER (A) Pgs. 4.20, 6.30, 8.40. Ends March 10.

**PHOENIX**, opp. East Finchley Station. 883 2233. ANKUR—THE SEEDLING (AA). Pgs. 4.00, 6.15, 8.35.

**PLAZA 1 & 2**, Regent St., S.W.1. 839 6494. Sep Perfs. All seats bookable. Box Office 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (not Suns). No phone bookings. 1. JAWS (A). Daily: 1st perf. 1.00. 2nd perf. 3.50, 3rd perf. 6.00, 4th perf. 8.50. Late night show Fri. & Sat. 11.15. 2. JAWS (A). Daily. 1st perf. 2.00. 2nd perf. 4.30, 3rd perf. 7.00, 4th perf. 9.30. Late Show Sat. 12.15.

**PRINCE CHARLES**, Leic. Sq. 437 8181 2nd Great Year EMMANUELLE (X) Sep. perfs. dly. (inc. Sun.), 3.45, 6.15, 9.0. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. Seats bkble. Lic. bar.

**RITZ**, Leicester Sq. 437 1234. A WINDOW TO THE SKY (A). Progs. daily 2.00, 4.10, 6.25, 8.40. L'te show Fri. & Sat. 11.30.

**SCENE 1, 2, 3, 4**, Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470.

**SCENE 1**, Cont. Dly. 12.30. Lte. show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. Ken Russell's LISZTOMANIA (X). Progs. 12.30, 2.20, 4.45, 7.05, 9.25. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 11.45.

**SCENE 2.** 2nd YEAR. THE EXORCIST (X). Directed by William Friedkin. Sep. perfs. Dly. 12.30, 3.00, 6.15, 9.00. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.30.

**SCENE 3.** 2nd YEAR. THE TOWERING INFERNO (A). Sep. perfs. Dly. 2.00, 5.20, 8.40. Lte. show Fri. & Sat. 11.45.

**SCENE 4.** Cont. Dly. 1.00. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 12.00. Ken Russell's TOMMY (AA). Progs. 1.00, 3.45, 6.30, 9.15. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 12.00.

**STUDIO ONE**, Oxford Circus. 437 3300. The Adventure of SHERLOCK HOLMES' SMARTER BROTHER (A). Progs.: 1.00 (not Sun.), 3.20, 6.45, 8.10. Last 5 days.

**WARNER WEST END** Leicester Square. Tel. 439 0791. 1 HOUSE OF MORTAL SIN (X). Sep. progs. 2.30, 6.30, 8.50. Late show Sat. 11.00 p.m. 2 BARRY LYNDON (A). A film by STANLEY KUBRICK starring RYAN O'NEAL, MARISA BERENSON. Sep. progs. Dly. 3.15, 7.30. Late show Sat. 11.00 p.m. All seats may be booked. 3 OPERATION DAYBREAK (AA). Sep. progs. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Late show Sat. 11.00 p.m. 4 AL PACINO in DOG DAY AFTERNOON (X). Cont. progs. 2.15, 5.00, 7.50. Late show Sat. 11.00 p.m.

## EXHIBITIONS

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| Today 21 Feb. 7.30 p.m. | MARGRET LUGINBUHL contralto, MARTIN TRUEB baritone, Heidi Rohr piano. English Campbell Allen Soc. | Lieder by A. Campbell Allen. 7 Songs of Jill Furse, Op. 3. Schatten, Op. 18. Late and Death. Schneeglöggli Lut: (Poems for Ch. |
| Sunday 22 Feb. 3 p.m. | ANDRZEJ WASOWSKI piano. Liesl Stary Artists Management | Bach: Partita No. 2 in C minor. Brahms: Sonata in F minor, Op. 5. Szymanowski: Twelve Studies, Op. 33. Chopin: Fantasy in F minor, Nocturne Op. 27, No. 2, Polonaise-Fantaisie. |
| Sunday 22 Feb. 7.30 p.m. | BRENDA DYKES flute, TERENCE ALLBRIGHT piano. Jane Gray | Poulenc: Sonata. Kuhlau: Duo brillante, Op. 110, No. 2. Martinu: Sonata No. 1. Terence Allbright: Haiku (1st Lon perf). Widor: Suite Op. 34, No. 1 |
| Monday 23 Feb. 7.30 p.m. | MARILYN FLOREZ mezzo soprano, John Higham piano. New Era Int Concerts | Mahler: Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen. Carpenter: Gitanjali. Britten: A Charm of Lullabies, Op. 41. arr. Obradors: Canciones Clásicas Españolas. Songs by Purcell & Ma. |
| Tuesday 24 Feb. 7.30 p.m. | SUZANNE STRETEN Lyric soprano, Wyn Davies piano. Young Musicians Series. New Era Int Concerts | Purcell: The Blessed Virgin's Expostulation. Berg: Sieben Frühe Lieder. Songs by Schubert, Wolf, Fauré |
| Thursday 26 Feb. 7.30 p.m. | ALLA SHAROVA violin, HILDA SACHS piano. Marjorie Dutton | Prokofiev: Sonata No. 2 in D, Op. 94. Bach: Chaconne. Beethoven: Sonata in A Op. "Kreutzer". Works by Tchaikovsky |
| Friday 27 Feb. 7.30 p.m. | ERIC HENDERSON guitar. Helen Anderson Music Management | Handel: Sarabande. Bach: Lute Suite No. 1 in E minor. Villa-Lobos: Etudes Nos. 8 & 11. Works by Albeniz, Giuliani, Moreno-Torroba, Turina, Falla. |
| Saturday 28 Feb. 7.30 p.m. | KASSEL PIANO TRIO. New Era Int Concerts | Beethoven: Piano Trio in D Op. 70 "The Ghost". Charles Ives: Piano Trio (1904). Schubert: Piano Trio in B flat Op. 99 |
| Sunday 29 Feb. 7.30 p.m. | ALIRIO DIAZ guitar. Basil Douglas Ltd | Concert of classical music for guitar. Spanish and Latin American composers including Sanz, Lauro, Sojo, Mudarra and Narvaez. £2.00, £1.50 (all others sold). |
| Monday 1 Mar. 7.30 p.m. | RICHARD LANGLEY violin, HELEN POLCZER piano. Ibbs & Tillett | Beethoven: Sonata in F, Op. 24 (Spring). Brahms: Sonata in D minor, Op. 108. Schubert: Sonatina in D, Op. 137 No. 1. Franck: Sonata in A major. |
| Wednesday 3 Mar. 7.30 p.m. | DAVID SYME piano. Ibbs & Tillett | Bach: Toccata in D major. Haydn: Sonata Hob. XVI: 37. Beethoven: Sonata, Op. 109. Robert Muczynski: Sonata No. 3, Op. Works by Chopin & Liszt. |
| Thursday 4 Mar. 7.30 p.m. | I SOLISTI AQUILANI. Ibbs & Tillett | Corelli: Concerto Grosso, Op. 6. Vivaldi: Concerto, E minor "Il Favorito". Mozart: Divertimento in D K.136. Rucchi: Carte fiorentine. Manzoni: Serenata. Hindemith: Five Pieces, Op. 44, No. 4 |
| Friday 5 Mar. 7.30 p.m. | CARL DOLMETSCH recorder, James Blades percussion, Joseph Saxby harpsichord, Marguerite Dolmetsch viola da gamba | Malcolm Lipkin: "Interplay" for recorder, percussion, viola da gamba and harpsichord (1st performance). Bellinzani, Byrd, Corelli, Pelham Humfrey & Telemann. £1.50, £1.10, 75p (all others sold). |

## ART EXHIBITIONS

**AUSTRALIA HOUSE**, Strand, WC2. JOHN PETER RUSSELL "The Lost Impressionist" (1858-1930). Exhibition of Paintings. Until Feb. 28. Mon.-Sat. 10-5. Sun. 2-5.

**BRITISH MUSEUM, THRACIAN TREASURES FROM BULGARIA.** On loan from the People's Republic of Bulgaria. Until 28 March. Wkdys. 10-5 and 5.45-9 on Thursdays only. Last admission 8.30. Suns. 2.30-6. Adm. free.

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## ART EXHIBITIONS

**GIMPEL FILS**, 30 Davies St., W.1. 493 2488. WORKS ON PAPER.

**HAYWARD GALLERY**, South Bank, S.E.1. (Arts Council.) Millet: A Centenary Exhibition. Until 7 March. Mon.-Fri. 10-8. Sat. 10-6. Sun. 12-6. Adm. 40p, 10p all day Mon. 6-8 Tues.-Fri.

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# Broadcasting Saturday

Home and away. The author of Kes supplies a play with a football theme (BBC2 10.25). 2nd House shows you the life of British rock stars (BBC2 9.5). Otherwise you can be off to New York for Kojak (BBC1 9.0) or to Puerto Rico for Muhammad Ali (BBC1 12.40 and 10.5).—L.B.

## BBC 1

9.00 am, Bagpuss. 9.15, Dewlin. 9.35, Whirlybirds.* 10.00, Play Rugby. 10.25, On the Move. 10.35, The Little House on the Prairie. 11.25, So You're Going to be a Father.* 11.35, Bugs Bunny. 11.40, Crufts. 12.15 pm, Grandstand: 12.20, Football Focus. 12.40, Boxing: Muhammad Ali v Jean-Pierre Coopman. 1.10, 1.35, 2.10, Racing from Chepstow. 2.35, Rugby: Scotland v England; and 4.15, Ireland v Wales. 4.35, Athletics from Munich. 4.50, Final Score. 5.05, Disney's The House Factory.

5.30 News.
5.45 Dr Who.
6.10 Jim'll Fix It.
6.45 Film: Where the River Bends, with James Stewart, Arthur Kennedy, Rock Hudson, Julia Adams.
8.15 Cilla.
9.00 Kojak.
9.50 News.
10.05 Match of the Day Special: Football; Boxing, Muhammad Ali v Jean-Pierre Coopman.
11.25 Parkinson.
12.25 am, Weather.
* Black and White.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES: 9.35-10.00 am, Teliffant. 2.35 pm, Rugby: Ireland v Wales; 4.30-4.40, Scotland v England, highlights. 12.25 am, News for Wales. SCOTLAND: 4.55-5.05 pm, Scoreboard. 5.40-5.45, Scoreboard. 10.05-10.35, The Songs of Scotland. 10.35-11.25, Sportscene Special: Football; Rugby, Scotland v England; World Championship Boxing. 12.25 am, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND: 2.35 pm, Rugby: Ireland v Wales: 4.30-4.40, Scotland v England. 4.55-5.05, Scoreboard. 5.40-5.45, Northern Ireland News. 12.25 am, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

## BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University: Foundation Maths. 8.05, The Necessity for History. 8.30, Maths. 8.55, Underdeveloped Scotland ? 9.20, Sociological Perspective. 9.45, Ultrastructure of Cells. 10.10, Personality and Learning. 10.35, Maths. 11.00, Urban Education. 11.25, Thomas Hardy and Cornwall. 11.50, Coal. 12.15, Output, Income, Demand. 12.40, Materials Under Stress. 1.05, Baroque Organ. 1.30-1.55, Nervous System. 3.10 pm, Film. The Green Helmet, with Bill Travers, Ed Begley.* 4.35, Play Away. 5.05, Money Programme. Argentina's inflation problems. 5.50, Westminster. 6.20, Network. From BBC Scotland, George Garson, Stained Glass designer.

6.50 News.
7.00 Rugby. Scotland v England and Ireland v Wales.
7.50 Best in the Band.
8.15 Cakes and Ale, part 2.
9.05 2nd House. So You Wanna be a Rock 'n' Roll Star.
10.25 Play. Two Men from Derby, by Barry Hines.
11.00 The First Picture Show.
11.30 News.
11.35 Open Door. Cautionary Tale of Emmanuel Blob, presented by the Society of Skin Camouflage.
12.05-1.15 am, Film. Lady Without A Passport, with Hedy Lamarr, John Hodiak.*

## London Weekend

9.00 am, Angling. 9.25, Parents' Day. 9.45, Saturday Scene. 9.50, The Beachcombers. 10.20, Fantastic Voyage. 10.45, Junior Police Five. 11.00, Run, Joe, Run! 11.30, Space 1999. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Handball; Great Britain v Poland. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Six: 1.30, Nottingham. 1.45, Newcastle. 2.00, Nottingham. 2.14, Newcastle. 2.35, Nottingham. 2.55, Newcastle. 3.10, World Hot Dog Ski-ing Championships. 3.50, Half-time Round-up. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.

5.05 News.
5.15 Cartoons.
5.30 Supersonic.
6.00 New Faces.
7.00 Celebrity Squares.
7.45 Film: The Bounty Hunter (1964), with Dan Duryea, Rod Cameron, Audrey Dalton.
9.30 Best of Upstairs, Downstairs.
10.30 News. 10.45 Thick as Thieves.
11.15 Film: Curse of the Crimson Altar (1968) with Boris Karloff, Christopher Lee.
12.45 Behind the Answers.

## ATV

9.15 am, Plain Sailing. 9.40, Parents' Day. 10.10, Tiswas. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Return to the Planet of the Apes. 5.45, New Faces. 6.45, Six Million Dollar Man. 7.45, Film: Deadlier than the Male, with Richard Johnson, Elke Sommer, Sylvia Koscina. 9.30, London. 10.45, Aquarius. 11.30-12.00, ATV Today Pick of the Week.

## Yorkshire

9.30 am, Angling. 10.00, Parents' Day. 10.30, Film: The Sky Without My Face, with Robert Vaughn, Senta Berger, David McCallum. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, Now Who Do You Do ? 7.45, Film, Assignment: to Kill, with Patrick O'Neal, Joan Hackett, Herbert Lom, John Gielgud, Eric Portman, Peter Van Eyck, Oscar Homolka. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30-12.25 am, The Collaborators.

## Southern

9.15 am, Angling. 9.40, ATV. 10.10, Kitchen Garden. 10.37, Weather. 10.40, Daffy Duck. 10.50, Supersonic. 11.20, Daniel Boone. 12.15 pm, Southsport. 12.30, London. 5.15, ATV. 5.35, Candid Camera Classics. 6.05, The Magician. 7.00, London. 7.45, Film: The Last Wagon (1956), with Richard Widmark, Felicia Farr, Susan Kohner, Tommy Rettig. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Southern News. 11.35, Grift. 12.30 am, Weather. Guideline.

## HTV

10.00 am, Parents Day. 10.30, Sesame Street. 11.30, Black Beauty. 12.00, Supersonic. 12.30 pm, London. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Yes, Honestly. 7.00, London. 7.45, Film: Patrick O'Neal, Joan Hackett, Herbert Lom and John Gielgud in Assignment to Kill. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Kung Fu. 12.25 am, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 6.30-7.00 pm, Carreg Filltir.

## Border

9.30 am, Angling. 10.00, Parents' Day. 10.30, The Man from UNCLE. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Border Sports Results. 5.20, Cartoon. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, Now Who Do You Do ? 7.45, Film: Assignment to Kill, with Patrick O'Neal, Joan Hackett, Herbert Lom. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30-11.55, The Protectors.

## Westward

9.30 am, Angling. 10.00, Parents' Day. 10.25, Big Blue Marble. 10.50, Look and See. 10.55, The Geordie Scene. 11.20, Gus Honeybun. 11.35, Planet of the Apes. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Space 1999. 6.15, New Faces. 7.15, Sale of the Century. 7.45, Film: King Solomon's Mines, with Stewart Granger, Deborah Kerr, Richard Carlson, Hugo Haas. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Police Surgeon. 12.00, Faith for Life.

## Granada

9.15 am, Angling. 9.40, ATV. 10.05, Sesame Street. 11.10, The Count of Monte Cristo. 11.35, Daniel Boone. 12.30 pm, London. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Now Who Do You Do ? 7.00, London. 7.45, Film: Assignment to Kill, with Herbert Lom. 9.30, London. 10.45, Aquarius. 11.30-1.30 am, Film: Cry for Happy, with Glenn Ford.

## Grampian

10.20 am, Film: The Lost World, with Michael Rennie, Jill St. John. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, Now Who Do You Do ? 7.45, Film: Assignment to Kill, with Patrick O'Neal, Joan Hackett. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Grift. 12.25 am, Prayers.

## Anglia

9.00 am, London. 9.50, Checkmate. 10.15, Hammy Hamster. 10.30, Baldmoney. 10.45, Rainbow Country. 11.10, Clapperboard. 11.35, Born Free. 12.30 pm, London. 5.30, The Flintstones. 6.00, London. 7.45, Film: Assignment to Kill, with Patrick O'Neal, Joan Hackett. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Russell Harty. 12.20 am, At the End of the Day.

## Tyne Tees

9.30 am, Angling. 10.00, Parents' Day. 10.25, Opportunity. 10.30, The Man from Uncle. 12.00, Indoor League. 12.30 pm, London. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Celebrity Squares. 7.15, Now Who Do You Do ? 7.45, Film, The Marriage Go-round, with Susan Hayward, James Mason. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, The Collaborators. 12.25 am, Epilogue.

## Scottish

9.30 am, Angling. 10.00, Parents' Day. 10.30, Skiing with Gina. 10.55, Felix the Cat. 11.10, Animated Classics: 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. 12.00, The Geordie Scene. 12.30 pm, London. 5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Now Who Do You Do ? 7.00, London. 7.45, Film, Cat Ballou, with Jane Fonda, Lee Marvin. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.30, Late Call. 11.35-12.30 am, Police Story.

## Ulster

10.30 am, Kitchen Garden. 11.00, Hammy Hamster. 11.30, Sesame Street. 12.30 pm, London. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30, Film, Hunchback of Notre Dame, with Charles Laughton, Maureen O'Hara, Edmond O'Brien, Cedric Hardwicke. 9.30, London. 10.45, ATV, 11.30-12.00, The Protectors.

## Radio

**1**
6.00 am, News. Tom Edwards.† 8.03, Racing bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Paul Burnett. 1.00 pm, Country Joe's top Twelve.† 2.00, Alan Freeman.† 5.00, Paul Gambaccini.† 6.30, In Concert.† 7.30, Top Tunes.† 8.30, Peter Morrison.† 9.02, Radio Orchestra. 10.02, European Pop Jury. 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.05, Alan Dell. 12.31-12.33 am, News.
† Stereo.

**2**
6.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Charlie Chester.† 12.02 pm, Two's Best.† 1.02, The Family Brandon (1500m) 1.30-5.55, Sport (1500m) including Rugby: Scotland v England; Ireland v Wales; Athletics European Indoor Championships; Football; Racing from Chepstow; 5.00, Sports Report. 6.03, Star Sound (1500m) 7.02, Beetlee and Son (1500m) 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

**3**
8.00 am, News. 8.05, The Young Idea: Don Quixote. 9.00, News. 9.05, Record Review.† 10.15, Stereo Release: Johann Strauss, Brahms.† 11.15, Duet recital: Schumann, Brahms.† 12.02 pm, Robin Day.† 12.55, News. 1.00, Foreign Press Review. 1.15, Holsteiner and Brahms. 2.20, Woman of Action: Marghanita Laski.† 2.35, Schubert, Beethoven.† 5.00, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.45, Organ recital: Reger.† 6.20, Critics' Forum. 7.15, Paul Bunyan, operetta by Benjamin Britten. Act 1.† 8.25, Reading. 8.30, Paul Bunyan, Act 2.† 9.30, Interpretations on Record: Holst's The Planets.† 10.25, Fauré.† 11.25-11.30, News.

**4**
6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.50, Outlook. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Outlook. 7.50, Today. 8.00, News and more of Today. 8.50, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 9.30, The Week in Westminster. 10.00, News. 10.02, The Weekly World. 10.15, Service. 10.30, Pick of the Week. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, Radio 3. 12.55, Weather.

1.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions ? 2.00, Weekend. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play, Heart's Delight. 3.35, Radio 3. 5.00, Pm Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Robert Robinson. 7.00, News. 7.02, Desert Island Discs. 7.30, Richard Baker. 8.30, Play: Angel of the Deep. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, A Word in Edgeways. 11.00, Prayers. 11.15-11.38, News. 11.45-11.48, Inshore Forecast.

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Radio

# Intellectual heavyweight

Not a bad week among the wavelengths and it is no real surprise to find that of all the contenders for attention it was Muhammad Ali who commanded it with most assurance; indeed you may with some justice have felt at the end of that bout of some 25 minutes that, short of turning off, you hadn't been given the option—having spent most of the time with your back to the ropes. In short Ali on the rostrum is not absolutely indistinguishable from Ali in the ring—energetic, hard-hitting, quick on his feet, fluent, inexhaustible, supremely confident.

The most noticeable difference lies in the impression he gives that whereas his boxing is indisputably his own some of what he says is not. The rhetoric is fine and carries things along like a tidal wave, the sentiments are excellent, the aspiration high; when, however, it comes to "a wise man can act the fool, but a fool cannot act the wise man", apt thought it may be, there is the sense in it of someone else's aphorism learnt by rote, and the sharp follow-up—"So I do a lot of acting" —disguises this but does not send it away

Nevertheless, among world heavyweight champions—and if you think that's too great a qualification it will carry some extension—Ali is no intellectual dwarf: with all the dramatics and the showing off—of which you might as well complain that water's wet—he talks a lot of sense. That postscript on race relations touched the matter on a nub or two, I thought: "You don't see the Chinese and the Puerto Ricans mix—they're like different music . . ." to which a musical illustration was appended which was graphic but unfortunately untranscribable. Mind you, with all the rhetoric and sense, I wonder who would listen, were it not in the mouth of Muhammad Ali —which is not to devalue it so much as to reflect that it ain't what you say, but who you are that says it. In which case perhaps the overwhelming bulk of what is said never gets heard at all.

H. Colin Davis's St Valentine's anthology, *Did One But Know*, was a delightful piece of work which followed the relationships of the sexes from unpromising childhood—"Girls are spotty and they whisper" —through slightly later misconceptions—"I think you have to have eggs"—to maturity (in the physical if not psychological sense), adultery (marvellous if you can stand the nasty discordant feelings), decline and death. Actuality, readings and music were very nicely blended in the production by John Theocharis and the whole affair was distinguished by its rather satisfactory tone—light but serious and quite without the . . . which a subject such as this can so easily provoke.

As we learnt from George Mikes in his introduction to Frederick Karinthy's *Voyage to Capillaria* (producer and director: Martin Esslin), almost all of its author's work has been doomed to neglect by the fact that he wrote in Magyar. In this time of feminism militant, it may be that Mr Mikes's adaptation will prove an unlucky choice for bringing Karinthy to fame—at least, if that fame is to be untinged with infamy. In his last recorded travel, Gulliver finds himself at the bottom of the sea and fitted out with gills, in the land of Capillaria; here women hold sway and the men are consigned to service and slavery.

These women flaunt their bodies but appear utterly unaware of the effect that this may have—and, one gathers, would be quite indifferent even if they knew. Despite their social superiority, they have very little interest in anything that is not trivial: when Gulliver mentions Strindberg, their only interest is in the kind of shirts he wore. It is the men, the drudges, who find time for intellectual matters and ideals. Their fate is to be eaten by their women, and in case, dear and gentle reader, you should imagine that Karinthy is proposing some radical alteration to the status quo where women receive at last true recognition, be advised: the world of Capillaria is the status quo. In support of which, when Gulliver escapes from it and gets home, his wife's concern is chiefly with his failure before leaving to renew the insurance.

I had some hopes from its advance publicity of a new panel game, *What's It All About ?* "The panel", they told me, "are required to unravel the obscure facts of a given situation and identify in three minutes the description given to them from an unusual viewpoint". Well, I thought, there's promising: if I read the thing aright, here is a game based on the well known observation that any two or more accounts of an event will each appear to be describing something different. Perhaps that is what the deviser, John Timpson, intended and the executants have made his point by getting it wrong. Or I have got it wrong. Somebody's got something wrong and that's for sure: what I heard last Monday was really rather hard to tell apart from *Twenty Questions*.

Next week: Two repeats can be recommended. Last May my colleague Peter Vansittart spoke well of *The Cookham Resurrection* to be heard again on Sunday. On Thursday, *The Pillow Book of Sei Shonagon* is unusual and touching. Both R3. Among the new work, what about *Sweeney Tom* (R3, Tues) ? Given a little irony, *The Devotees* (R4 Weds) could be attractive.

David Wade

# Sunday

People and places. Arthur Negus (BBC1 3.5), McCloud (ITV 7.55), Liszt (BBC2 9.45) and Thurber (BBC2 10.45) head the day's personalities. Now How Do You Do ? brings a host of new imitations (ITV 7.25). Munich offers indoor athletics (BBC1 3.35). In the Red Letter play Liverpool is at odds with Rome (ITV 10.0).—L.B.

## BBC 1

9.00 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 9.30, Camberwick. 9.45, Dressmaker. 10.10, Ensemble. 10.35, Illustrated Economics. 11.00, Service from Bellahouston Steven Parish Church, Glasgow. 11.45, The 60, 70, 80 Show. 12.10 pm, Avventura. 12.35, Happy Return. 1.00, Farming. 1.25, Parents and Children. 1.50, News. 1.55, Film: Abbott and Costello in Society (1944).* 3.05, Going for a Song. 3.35, Athletics: European Indoor Championships. 4.35, The High Chaparral. 5.25, Holiday '76.

5.55 News.
6.05 On the Move.
6.15 Under Bow Bells, with Jacky Gillott, Milton Shulman.
6.50 Songs of Praise from St Cuthbert's, Burnley.
7.25 The Brothers.
8.15 Film: Spinster (1961), with Shirley MacLaine, Laurence Harvey, Jack Hawkins.
9.55 News.
10.05 That's Life.
10.45 Read All About It.
11.15 Politics Now.
11.40 Weather.
* Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES.—9.30-9.45 am, Watch with Mother. 1.55-2.45 pm, Ellery Queen Whodunit. 2.45-4.55, Sports Line-up: Rugby, Ireland v Wales and International Cross Country preview. 4.55-5.25, Going for a Song. 6.50-7.00, Yr Arweinwyr. 7.00-7.25, Dechrau canu, Dechrau Canmol. 10.45-11.15, Dim Ond Nain A Lle. 11.40, News for Wales. SCOTLAND.—8.15-8.50 pm, Sixes and Sevens. 11.40, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND.—11.40 pm, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

## HTV

10.00 am, London. 10.30, Pilgrimage. 11.00, ATV. 11.30, The Geordie Scene. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, ATV. 1.35, Farming. 2.05, London. 3.05, The World at War. 4.05, Film: Edge of Eternity, with Cornel Wilde, Victoria Shaw. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.55, Film: Drop Dead, Darling, with Tony Curtis, Rosanna Schiaffino, Lionel Jeffries. 9.45, London. 11.00, ATV. 11.30, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 1.10-1.35 pm, University Challenge. 1.35-2.05, Farming. 6.35-7.00, Gelwn Dros y Byd. 11.00-11.55, Black Water—Bright Hope.

## Anglia

9.30 am, Play Squash Jonah's Way. 10.00, London. 10.30, Pilgrimage. 11.00, London. 11.30, A House for the Future. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Cartoon. 1.25, Weather. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Match of the Week. 2.50, Film: Men Are Not Gods, with Miriam Hopkins, Gertrude Lawrence.* 4.25, Cartoon. 4.35, World at War. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.55, Columbo. 9.45, London. 11.00, Police Story. 11.55, Your Choice.

## Yorkshire

9.45 am, Chess Masterpieces.* 10.00, London. 10.30, A Matter for Concern. 11.00, London. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, A House for the Future. 1.40, Calendar Sunday. 2.05, Football Special. 3.00, Film: East of Sudan, with Anthony Quayle, Sylvia Sims, Derek Fowlds, Jenny Agutter. 4.35, World at War. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, McMillan and Wife. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00-11.55, The Streets of San Francisco.

## Tyne Tees

10.00 am, London. 10.30, Pilgrimage. 11.00, London. 11.25, Galloping Gourmet. 11.55, Where the Jobs Are. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Police Surgeon. 1.35, Farming. 2.05, Football. 3.05, The Ghost and Mrs Muir. 3.35, The World at War. 4.35, The Flintstones. 5.05, The Geordie Scene. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, McMillan and Wife. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, A House for the Future. 11.30, Epilogue.

## Border

10.00 am, London. 10.30, Pilgrimage. 11.00, London. 11.30, A House for the Future. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Border Diary. 1.15, Cartoon. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Star Soccer. 2.55, The World at War. 4.00, Film, Nothing Barred, with Brian Rix, Leo Franklyn. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Sale of the Century. 7.55, Film: The Virgin and the Gypsy, with Joanna Shimkus, Franco Nero. 9.45, London. 11.00-11.55, Documentary: Amnesty.

## BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University: Telephone Models. 8.05, Being Black. 8.30, Space and Time. 8.55, Analysing Motion. 9.20, Maths. 9.45, Laws of Motion. 10.10, Open Forum. 10.35, Decision-making. 11.00, Instrumentation. 11.25, Numbers. 11.50, Educational Technology. 12.15 pm, Psychology. 12.40, Systems Performance. 1.05, TV as a Source. 1.30-1.55, Clean Air Success.

6.30 News Review.
7.05 The Light Experience. Prayer under Duress by Dr Sheila Cassidy.
7.25 The World About Us. The Valley of Eskdale.
8.15 M*A*S*H.
8.40 News.
8.45 Terra Firma.
9.45 Jerome Rose plays Liszt.
10.45 Thurber. William Windom's show.
11.40-11.45, Julian Glover reads Shipwreck, by George MacKay Brown.

## Westward

10.00 am, London. 10.30, Pilgrimage. 11.00, London. 11.30, A House for the Future. 12.00, London. 1.05 pm, West Country Job Finder. 1.10, Judo. 1.30, Farm and Country News. 2.00, London. 3.00, The Magician. 3.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, McMillan and Wife. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, Journey to the Unknown. 11.55, Faith for Life.

## Scottish

10.00 am, Appointment with Destiny. 10.50, Canada Impressions. 11.00, London. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, A House for the Future. 1.40, The Persuaders. 2.35, Scotsport. 3.50, ATV. 4.50, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 6.35, Chapter and Verse. 7.00, London. 7.25, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, Late Call. 11.05-12.00, Kung Fu.

## Ulster

11.00 am, London. 11.30, Checkmate. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Cartoon. 1.30, House for the Future. 2.00, London. 3.00, Animated Classics: Mysterious Island. 3.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: Funny Face, with Audrey Hepburn, Fred Astaire. 9.10, Sports Results. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00-12.00, Griff.

## Grampian

11.00 am, London. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, A House for the Future. 1.40, Parents' Day. 2.10, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 2.35, Scotsport. 3.50, ATV. 4.50, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, McMillan and Wife. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, Streets of San Francisco. 11.55, Prayers.

## London Weekend

9.30 am, Yoga. 10.00, Morning Worship. 10.30, Choirs of the World. 11.00, Plain Sailing. 11.30, London Weekend Show. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm, Around the World in 80 Days. 1.30, A House for the Future. 2.00, The Big Match. 3.00, Survival: The Flight of the Snow Geese. 4.00, Movin' On. 4.50, Dominic. 5.20, Aquarius: Forbidden Image.

6.05 News.
6.15 Sunday Quiz.
6.35 Open Pulpit with Dr Stuart Blanch, The Archbishop of York and the Rev Brandon Jackson.
7.00 All God's Children.
7.25 Now Who Do You Do ?
7.55 McCloud.
9.35 Police Five Extra.
9.45 News.
10.00 Red Letter Day: Bag of Yeast.
11.00, London Programme.
12.00 Witness to Yesterday.
12.25 am Behind the Answers.

## ATV

9.30 am, Farming. 10.00, London. 10.30, Romantic v Classic Art: Edgar Degas. 11.00, A House for the Future. 11.30, Cartoon. 11.35, Chopper One. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, The Amazing Chan. 1.35, Fantastic Voyage. 2.00, Star Soccer. 2.55, Griff. 3.50, The World at War. 4.50, Celebrity Squares. 5.35, Dominic. 6.05, London. 7.25, Angy Prentiss. 9.15, Yes, Honestly. 9.45, London. 11.00, University Challenge. 11.30, The Protectors. 12.00, Barrie Cook.

## Southern

10.00 am, London. 11.27, Weather. 11.30, Farm Progress. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, Arthur. 1.35, London. 3.05, The World at War. 4.05, Bridget Loves Bernie. 4.30, Southern News. 4.35, New Faces. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Sale of the Century. 7.55, Film: Marlowe (1968), with James Garner, Gayle Hunnicutt. 9.45, London. 11.00, Homicide. 11.55, Weather, Guideline.

## Granada

9.30 am, Kitchen Garden. 10.00, London. 10.30, Witness to Yesterday. 10.50, Cartoon. 11.00, London. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.30, The Rovers. 12.00, London. 1.10 pm, The Beachcombers. 2.10, Kick Off Match. 3.15, Film: The Wild Heart, with Jennifer Jones. 4.35, The World at War. 5.35, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: Winter Kill, with Andy Griffith. 9.15, ATV. 9.45, London. 11.00, Granada Profile: Jim Allen. 11.30-12.30 am, Griff.

## Radio

**1**
6.55 am, New Day. 7.00, News. 7.02, Reginald Dixon.† 8.02, Cliff Richard. 8.32, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Paul Burnett. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, WIA AWW Show. 5.00, Insight. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.00, Quiz Kid '76.† 7.30, Semprini.† 8.30, Sunday Half-Hour.† 9.02, Best Tunes.† 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Brass and Strings.† 11.02, Jazz.† 12.31-12.33 am, News.
† Stereo.

**2**
6.55 am, Radio 1. 10.02, David Jacobs.† 11.30, People's Service. 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 2.02, Steptoe and Son. 2.30, Oscar Hammerstein Story.† 3.30, Woody Herman. 4.02, Charlie Chester.† 6.00, Radio 1. 7.02, The Family Brandon. 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

**3**
8.00 am, News. 8.05, Jascha Heifetz (violin): Wieniawski, Beethoven, Chausson. 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: Bach transc Ormandy, Schütz, Tchaikovsky, Delius.† 10.30, Music Weekly.† 11.15, Bruckner concert, part 1.† 11.55, Words . . . by Ian Robinson. 12.00, Concert, Part 2.† 1.15 pm, Couperin.† 1.45, Voices, short story. 2.05, The Jacobin, opera, music by Dvorak. Act 1.† 2.50, The Simple Thing, poems by Jan Struther. 3.10, The Jacobin. Act 2.† 4.00, Reading. 4.05, The Jacobin. Act 3.† 4.45, Talking About Music. Antony Hopkins.† 5.15, Concert: Glinka, Balakirev, Rimsky-Korsakov.† 6.20, Wrong Priorities in Health, talk by Emanuel de Kadt. 6.50, Schubert.† 7.15, The Cookham Resurrection, an impression of Stanley Spencer.† 9.00, Tudor Church Music: Wilkinson, Browne, Lambe, Taverner.† 9.55, Letter from Barcelona, talk. 10.15, Mozart.† 10.45, Sounds Interesting.† 11.25-11.30, News.

**4**
7.15 am, Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45, Bells. 7.50, Reading. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sunday Papers. 8.15, Sunday. 8.50, Programme News. 8.55, Weather. 9.00, News. 9.10, Sunday Papers. 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, The Archers. 10.30, Service from St James the Great, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire. 11.10, Appeal. Devon Trust for Nature Conservation. 11.15, Motoring and the Motorist. 11.45, From the Grass Roots. 12.15 pm, You and Yours. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 2.00, Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30, Play, The City of the Horizon. 4.00, News. 4.02, Talking about Antiques. 4.30, The Living World. 5.00, In Touch. 5.15, Down Your Way. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Mr and Mrs Parkinson. 7.00, News. 7.02, Quote . . . Unquote. 7.30, Chapter and Verse. 8.00, Concert: Rossini, Heller, Bizet. 9.00, News. 9.03, The Return of the Native. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, Yanks and Limeys Divided by a Common Tongue. 11.00, Epilogue. 11.15-11.30, News. 11.45, Inshore forecast.

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# The Times records of the month

## Apples from the tree

**Saint-Saens: The Five Symphonies.** French National Radio Orchestra/Martinon. HMV SLS 1035. £7.80, three records.

**Tchaikovsky: Fatum: The Storm: The Voyevode: The Tempest.** Frankfurt Radio SO/Inbal. Philips 500 467. £3.10.

**Mahler: Das Lied von der Erde: Rückertlieder.** Ludwig/Kollo/Berlin PO/Karajan. DG 2707 082. £6.50, two records.

**Berlioz: Symphonie fantastique.** Berlin PO/Karajan. DG 2530 197. £3.25.

**Berlioz: Harold in Italy.** Imai/LSO/Davis. Philips 9500 026. £2.95.

**Britten. Four Sea Interludes and Passacaglia from Peter Grimes: Sinfonia da Requiem.** LSO/Previn. HMV ASD 3154. £3.20.

Camille Saint-Saens was fond of saying that he produced music as an appletree produces apples. It was likely that much of his copious output would eventually be declared perishable, especially since he deliberately tried to keep his music free from modern trends, fond though he was of Wagner, and to keep the spirit of the old classicism alive in his own works.

Nowadays Saint-Saens is remembered for one opera, *Samson et Dalila*, one symphony (No 3), one concerto each for violin, cello and piano, one symphonic poem. There are more, and it is surely time to reexamine them. Records are a convenient medium for this operation. We could do with albums of all his concertos, and all his tone-poems. Meanwhile Jean Martinon and EMI have obliged with five of Saint-Saens's symphonies.

There are stories of a sixth symphony in D, composed in 1859: *Martinon has chosen not* to include it, but these five already give us a fair chance to expand our knowledge of Saint-Saens as a symphonist. Martinon is a winning guide who draws attention to features of style, distinctive invention, beauty of orchestration. The orchestral playing is dapper, sensuous in sound when appropriate, sensitive in instrumental solos, recorded in a clean, lively acoustic.

Nobody will be surprised that the finest symphony of the five is the last, No 3 in C minor, the one with obbligato organ, much favoured by Beecham, who referred to it as his Big Lollipop. Heard after the four earlier symphonies its qualities emerge even more positively, its structural individuality, mastery of instrumental colour, its musical personality, the real Saint-Saens. But the mastery had been present already in the A major symphony composed when Saint-Saens was 15 (Martinon introduced it to London last year), a student work rooted and grounded in the Viennese classics, particularly young Beethoven, but imagined and invented with so much charm and freshness that the music seems creatively valid, not just second-hand.

The other unnumbered symphony, subtitled *Urbs Roma*, postdates the published first symphony whose march-scherzo used to be popular, though for me the Adagio is the winner, a full hearted outpouring of serene, graceful poetry that I would gladly take to a desert island. *Urbs Roma* (was it, I wonder, named out of regret that the composer never won the coveted Prix de Rome?) begins enthusiastically, then becomes increasingly ascetic and unbending, as if ashamed to let itself go. The published second symphony again turns its face backward towards early Beethoven and Mendelssohn, but not academically: the fugal-minded first Allegro is a vital, succinct piece, the finale engaging with some idiosyncrasies.

There is plenty of treasure trove here for the inquisitive listener: likewise in Eliahu Inbal's record of lesser-known Tchaikovsky, designed to show that *Romeo, Francesca* and *Hamlet* are not the only worthwhile tone poems by him. *The Voyevode*, latest of them, is the most compelling, with a glorious love-tune for the adulterous wife and her swain, and a tense *cavalcata* main section for the general of the title who returns home suspecting the worst—*this section rather looks forward to Sibelius*. It is not the lover but the husband who is killed: the orchestral shot in this performance is thrilling.

Inbal throughout proves himself a coercive interpreter of Tchaikovsky, sumptuous in the marine prelude to *The Tempest*, in Ariel's volatile scherzo and Miranda's surging love-music; high-mettled in the developmental drama of *The Storm*, an early and interestingly constructed comment on Ostrovsky's play which we know as *Katya Kabanova*, and in the unequal but perfectly effective *Fatum*. All four works are variously available on record, but not altogether as here. Inbal's new orchestra plays splendidly and is grandly recorded.

Times change. Once Herbert von Karajan despised Mahler's music as *Dienstmädchen sentimentality*; now he regularly conducts and records it. After the fifth symphony, here is Mahler's song-symphony, No 8½ so to speak, and some of his last orchestral songs. All this is intimate music, even the noisy first movement of *Das Lied*. Karajan *spruces* it for all its worth and then relays the brilliantined confidences through a public address system. The results are radiant, clean and precise, and totally wrong in tone of voice, either *soulless or else polished into* insignificance. His orchestra plays magnificently, but the distinguished singers sound strained, though Christa Ludwig manages to rescue "Ich bin der Welt" from Karajan's bubble-bath treatment.

Karajan also conducts a new reading of Berlioz's Fantastic Symphony (his earlier version remains in the DG catalogue). Again he misses, or wilfully ignores, the classic features of Berlioz's diction, preferring to stun his listeners or caress them into a swoon. He does so with such miracles of orchestral *manipulation* and in so magical a recorded sound that one must marvel at the results, if not actually admire them. There is room in the world for many different approaches to Berlioz's Fantastic: Karajan's is one, perhaps wrong-headed but ear-opening. If you find Colin Davis raw, Beecham eccentric and Monteux dull (my favourites in this symphony) Karajan may well fulfil your desires, and you need not feel ashamed.

Davis this month returns to Berlioz's *Harold in Italy* which he has recorded before. His revised interpretation is sometimes more refined (in the Pilgrims March, for instance), sometimes wilder as in the Orgy. His new soloist Nabuko Imai plays eloquently and with the orchestra, as if in chamber music. Yet I still prefer the earlier EMI recording, partly for Menuhin's more appealing, humanly communicative solo viola, partly because the orchestral sound is full but quite crisp, whereas the Philips version sounds bass-heavy and congested in climaxes.

André Previn's re-recording of Britten's tremendous *Sinfonia da Requiem*, coupled now with the interludes from *Peter Grimes*, makes a useful coupling. His readings are close to the composer's own, here more searching, there more strict—the scales balance evenly. Decca couples these works differently, so the EMI version may suit some collectors perfectly.

**William Mann**

## Striking us afresh

**Handel: Messiah.** Palmer/Watts/Davies/Shirley-Quirk. English Chamber Orch and Chor/Leppard. RCA Erato. STU 70921-3 £8.97

**Handel: The Choice of Hercules.** Harper/Bowman/Watts/Tear/King's College Choir. Academy of St Martin's/Ledger. HMV ASD 3148 £3.20.

**Purcell: Birthday Odes** (1692, 1694). Burrowes/Bowman/Brett, Lloyd. Early Music Consort/Munrow. HMV ASD 3166 £3.20.

**Bach: St Matthew Passion.** Schreier / Adam / soloists / Dresden Kreuzchor, St Thomas's Choir. Leipzig Gewandhaus / Mauersberger. RCA LRL4 5098. Four records £7.96.

**Bach: Masses in G Major and minor.** Eathorne/Esswood/Langridge/Roberts/Richard Hickox Singers and Orchestra. Argo ZRG 829 £3.25

**The King's Singers Concert Collection.** HMV CSD 3766 £2.99; *cassette TC-CSD 3766* £3.25.

Felicity Palmer

Photograph by Clive Barda

"No matter how familiar *Messiah* may be, its genius strikes us afresh at each encounter", writes David Cairns in his perceptive note to the new set of the work. Even the reviewer, who has to hear the oratorio more times than most, can agree, particularly when the performance is so invigorating and considered as this one. *With Leppard conducting, we* might have expected it to come from Philips; in fact it arrives from the French Erato label, via RCA's auspices, Philips presumably wanting no rival in its own lists to the much-admired *Colin Davis version*. That, and HMV's Mackerras set, have led the field for almost ten years. Leppard's version can now lie alongside them as a recommendation, if not a little above by virtue of *superb choral and solo singing* and superior recording.

Leppard's tempi seem the right ones simply because they never draw attention to themselves, and he displays all his well-known rhythmic buoyancy while at the same time showing sensitivity to the many reflective moments. He cannot be praised too highly for the finely phrased, keenly enunciated singing he draws from the English Chamber Orchestra Chorus (an ad hoc body of professionals? I have not come across them before), who surpass even the excellence of the choirs on the rival versions. *The ECO itself is in its most* persuasive form, and there are some delightful touches from Leslie Pearson on the chamber organ.

Felicity Palmer brings her own particular distinction of *timbre and phrasing to the* soprano solos; throughout her difficult assignment her singing is imaginative, strongly articulated and scrupulously ornamented where needed. Helen Watts has even more *conviction to the contralto* solos than on the Davis set. Ryland Davies is the sweet and convincing tenor, John Shirley-Quirk the splendid bass. My only doubt concerns the fastish speed for "The Trumpet shall sound", which lacks its usual poise.

Where Mackerras often interestingly chose alternative versions of arias, Leppard opts for those one is accustomed to hear in the concert hall, with the exception of giving the tenor the recitative version of "Their sound is gone out". Appoggiaturas and cadenzas are in place, and the decorations are never obtrusive, always enhancing the vocal line. The sound quality is sonorous, and well balanced.

After the glories of *Messiah*, *The Choice of Hercules* strikes me as rather ordinary Handel *with the exception of the aria* for Hercules himself "Yet can I hear that dulcet lay". The story concerns the familiar eighteenth-century one of the hero choosing between Pleasure and Virtue, represented by a *soprano and contralto* respectively, who have arias appropriate in character to what they stand for. Here, Miss Harper sounds too firmly on the side of severe virtue, hardly suggesting the needed sensuousness. Miss Watts is her reliable self, but James Bowman, even in the beautiful air already mentioned, is affected in delivery and not helped by the reverberant King's College acoustic.

He is heard to much better advantage on the record of Purcell odes, where all four soloists sing with real understanding of Purcellian style and are rewarded by the support *of baroque instruments* or replicas of them. The result is anything but authenticity for its own sake (as happens in some like-minded Continental efforts) but a lively and attractive attempt at re-creation. The music itself has that peculiar blend of nobility and tenderness that marks Purcell's songs of praise to his sovereign. My copy sounds, intermittently, as though it was pressed on sandpaper.

Authentic, too, presumably is the sound of the East German choirs assembled for the RCA *Matthew Passion*, but fresh and pointed as is their singing, and that of Schreier as the Evangelist, they cannot compensate for the dull, lethargic conducting of the veteran Mauersberger, nor for *some singing* in the arias, that is frankly of third division status. These faults put the set right out of the reckoning. Far better to save another pound or two and invest in one of the rival versions—Klemperer's sturdy, large-scale one on HMV or Münchinger's vivid Decca recording.

Bach raided other works for his two little Masses, but the adaptation would hardly be noticeable if one did not know about it. Grace and devotional sensitivity mark these unassuming works, heard most affectingly in the two tenor solos, one in each work, with oboe obbligato (the persuasive Sarah Barrington), both smoothly sung by Philip Langridge. Hickox conducts with naturalness and insight, but I wish he would not tolerate such ugly counter-tenor sound in his choir. The recording, made in Smith Square, is spacious and warm.

The King's Singers gave Alan Ridout's charming *The History of the Flood* its premiere at the same venue. It forms the centrepiece of their new disc, which is modelled in *shape on their concerts*. Their madrigal singing sounds strange without a soprano line, but otherwise their performances here, particularly of sixteenth-century chansons—Josquin's "Petite camusette" a special delight—and the familiar close-harmony arrangements are as communicative and enjoyable as ever.

**Alan Blyth**

## Making classic tracks

**Verdi: Rigoletto.** Callas/di Stefano/Gobbi. La Scala Orchestra and Chorus/Serafin. HMV SLS 5018. £6.60.

**Donizetti: Lucia di Lammermoor.** Sutherland/Cioni/Merrill. Santa Cecilia Orchestra and Chorus/Pritchard. Decca GOS 663-5. £6.90.

**Great Voices of the Century: Lauri Volpi, John McCormack** (Vol 4). Pye Ember GVC 47,51. *£1.25 each.*

EMI dig into their sack of Callas recordings much like a Father Christmas under strict orders not to give away too much at any one time. Accusations of parsimony though may be a little unfair when they come up with a set as rich as the *Rigoletto* reissue *this month*. The opera went into the studios in 1955 when Callas was at the peak of her powers. Gilda was a role she sang only a couple of times on stage, yet the persuasiveness and sensitivity of this performance on record almost turn Rigoletto's daughter into one of her finest parts.

*For Callas Gilda begins as a* child, simple and a little wistful during her scene in the garden. Whether sitting on a bench with Rigoletto or taking a candle to light herself to bed, she dreams of Gualtier Malde. The same *dreaminess* comes back in the next act with "Tutte le feste", sung with that thread of voice Callas was so expert in using. The final act assumes tragedy because Callas has turned the opera *into a story about the* rape of the innocent.

Tito Gobbi by her side is at his most restrained and mellow. Even "Si, vendetta" brings only the hint of a snarl as he tries to match Callas's artistry at every turn and for the most part succeeds. The father/daughter duets have never been sung better than on this record and they alone establish this *Rigoletto* as the best in the catalogue at the moment.

Such excellence is needed because the support is not all that strong. Giuseppe di Stefano, who was Callas's regular studio partner in the mid 'Fifties—their *Cav* and *Pag* comes out from EMI on cassette this month, TC-SLS. 819—gives a lazy interpretation of the Duke, more careless than carefree in "Questa o quella". He does though improve as the opera continues. Tullio Serafin conducts as solicitously as usual. But the sound quality is not as good as in some of EMI's recent repressings, such as the Karajan *Falstaff*.

Perhaps the fault lies with the Milan studios where this *Rigoletto* was made. Side six, which is filled up generously with four of the arias Callas recorded a year earlier in London during a heavy September session, shows a marked gain. Anyone doubting Callas's technique should listen to the Shadow Song from Meyerbeer's *Dinorah*, sung here in Italian, as is the equally demanding coloratura of the Bell Song from *Lakmé*. Callas tackled these after a dozen Puccini arias, which will probably be reemerging into the catalogue before long. An extraordinary achievement.

*The last tenor to sing in the* theatre with Callas was Renato Cioni at Covent Garden, midsummer, 1965. He appears in a Decca reissue of a favourite Callas opera, *Lucia di Lammermoor*, with Joan Sutherland in the title role. It is a fresh, lightish-weight version made only a couple of years after Sutherland's Donizetti triumph at Covent Garden. Cioni cuts a clean and dashing figure vocally as Edgardo and Sutherland herself had developed few mannerisms by 1961. Her later Decca recording with Pavarotti and Milnes (the team who join her in the Met's *Puritani* next week) is more powerful and much fuller. But those looking for a cheap label *Lucia* should sample this issue. Neat conducting from John Pritchard. Sound variable, but exceptionally clear at its best.

Pye perform at least half a service by making available nine arias sung by Giacomo Lauri Volpi, a tenor underestimated in this country for the very simple reason that his recitals have been virtually unobtainable except on expensive imported labels. The other half of the service would have been supplied by showing Lauri Volpi at his clarion best, which here he is not. The main source of this Ember issue is a 10 inch LP Lauri Volpi made for Cetra when he was close on 60. Fernando's two arias from *La favorita*, "Spirto gentil" and "Una vergine", show superb accuracy and the duet from *Poliuto* (Donizetti again) displays his rhythmic sense. These should be enough to whet the appetite of those to whom Lauri Volpi is merely a name.

*The record is clumsily* assembled, with Manrico's cavatina "Ah! si, ben mio" being separated from its succeeding aria and the two Fernando numbers are split by a side. The mistakes in the listing *of the arias on the sleeve* and on the record, different in each case, suggest that the compiler has not even basic operatic Italian.

The McCormack issue is much more carefully presented. Sentimental songs of youth ("Tommy Lad") or half contented old age ("Silver Threads among the Gold") make up most of the record, but there is one classic track where McCormack is joined by Fritz Kreisler in Godard's *Berceuse*.

**John Higgins**

Joan Sutherland in "Lucia di Lammermoor"

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## Fortunately found

**Stravinsky: Piano Sonata in F sharp minor. Tchaikovsky: Piano Sonata in G, Op. 37.** Paul Crossley. Philips 6500 884 £3.10.

**Rachmaninov: Twenty-Four Preludes.** Ashkenazy. Decca 5 B B221-2 £5.50.

**Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor.** Alicia de Larrocha/LSO/Previn. Decca SXL 6746 £3.25

**Chopin: Piano Pieces (Volume IV.)** Horowitz. RCA V8018 £1.49

**Liszt: Wagner Transcriptions.** Michele Campanella. Pye Nixa PCNH2 £2.99

***Romantic Favourites for piano.*** Sylvia Kersenbaum. HMV HQS 1354 £2.25

**Dvorak: Dumky Trio in E minor, Op 90. Smetana: Piano Trio in G minor, Op 15** Yuval Piano Trio. DG 2530 594 £3.25.

"Fortunately lost" was how 60 *years on Stravinsky spoke of* his first work performed in public, the piano sonata in F sharp minor written around 1902-4, when he had just come of age. But the manuscript was reposing in the Leningrad *State Library all the* time, and now, three years after its publication, Paul Crossley has introduced it to the world on disc.

Always with Stravinsky much of the fun resides in *spotting sources. Inexplicably* he himself considered the sonata "an inept imitation of late Beethoven". His biographer, Eric Walter White, points to Tchaikovsky, whose own mature (1878) but uncharacteristic *G. major sonata* serves as a valuable, off-beat coupling. My own feeling is that the precocious young magpie also had a keen eye on what compatriots like Tchaikovsky's erstwhile protégé, *Rachmaninov, and even Scriabin*, were doing. If the "resolute rhetoric" of the first movement's first subject is Tchaikovskian, the second (and much else) has Rachmaninov's initials woven into every succulent bar. The disc is not just a collector's curio: splendid playing and recording make it *a valuable artistic investment*.

Rachmaninov might have described his own cross as trying to live down his best-seller, the C sharp minor Prelude published when he was only nineteen. To his detractors he remains a composer who never changed his tune from that day on. Yet as Ashkenazy's valuable new recording of the Twenty-Four Preludes complete makes clear, even the *few years separating Op 23* and Op 32 brought developments: the later set are considerably more exploratory in texture. Once or twice Ashkenazy's choice of tempo is open to question. But the fluidity of his phrasing and his response to tone and texture are constantly ravishing.

*Alicia de Larrocha's new* recording of Rachmaninov's third concerto with Previn and the LSO is outstanding for clarity. However complex the keyboard texture every motif is cherished, every individual note glistens. Previn is just as meticulous over details of scoring. Instead of the treacly flood of sound often encountered, here you hear what is really going on and how things fit—helped by a translucent *recording. Nevertheless some* of the clarity results from very deliberate tempo, as in the first movement's first subject and much of the finale. There is not the continuously sustained forward surge that helps to *disguise episodic construction*.

The fourth of Horowitz's Chopin reissues (volume 18 in RCA's Vladimir Horowitz collection) goes to the third Ballade, the second and third Scherzos, a Mazurka, also three *Nocturnes including that early* posthumously published E minor charmer emerging here like an exquisite dream. Often surprisingly inflammable too, Horowitz always has new light to shed on the familiar, except perhaps in the C sharp minor Scherzo, where his brilliance sounds impersonal.

The young Italian, Michele Campanella, makes a useful debut-on-disc with six of Liszt's 14 Wagner transcriptions, including excerpts from *Tristan*, the *Ring* and *Parsifal* in a totally different world from the dizzy showpieces of earlier days. Though Campanella lets out too much tension in slow music and has to work hard to surmount one or two technical hurdles elsewhere, he plainly knows (and respects) Wagner's scores and the textural and dynamic effects at which to aim. Recorded tone grows a bit *clangy above a certain dynamic* level.

"Those you have loved" would serve as title for miniatures by Mendelssohn, Scriabin, Brahms, Schubert, Liszt, Glinka and Granados played by another recent young newcomer, Sylvia Kersenbaum, with a warm romantic sympathy which nevertheless sometimes waxes unduly vehement, as in the crescendos of Schubert's little A flat impromptu, *even the climax of Scriabin's* left-hand Nocturne (its Prelude listed on the label is not included). But with a pleasantly resonant recording at this medium price, it is still a disc that will bring pleasure to countless newcomers to so-called "serious" music.

Principals of the Israel Philharmonic is how Deutsche Grammophon describes Jonathan Zak, piano, Uri Pianka, violin, and Simca Heled, cello, of the Yuval Piano Trio, so anyone knowing that orchestra's penchant for wringing out the last drop will not be surprised at the way these players tug at the *heartstrings on Dvorak's and* Smetana's behalf. Smetana's early, less frequently heard G minor trio, written in grief on the loss of a small daughter, is almost as full of the sudden, characteristically Slavonic alternations of darkness and light as Dvorak's famous "Dumky", all tellingly *emphasized here by contrasts* of tone colour as well as much else. The very positive pianist just, but only just, escapes the charge of over-insistence when excited. In sum, new arrivals worth watching.

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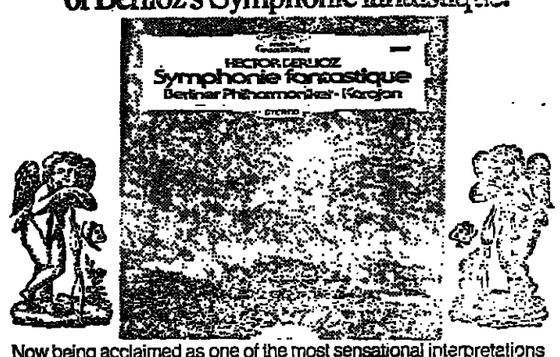


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**Ravel: Violin Sonata; Tzigane:** Piano Trio. Yvon Carracilly, Henri Barda and Klaus Heitz. Calliope CAL 1822 (£3.49).

Many pianists get no further than Debussy and Ravel, but Annie d'Arco's performance of Dukas's Rameau Variations reveals it as one of the great works of French keyboard music. Despite achievements such as a fine Symphony and the Maeterlinck opera *Ariane et Barbe-Bleue*, his pungent yet fastidious music, is, indeed, *scarcely known here*. More pianistic than his rather Franckian Sonata, the Variations use a wide variety of resources with unflagging vigour; the theme is poor, but there is a good Beethovenian precedent for that, and a mountain is convincingly made out of a molehill. Interpretative and technical *problems* are very considerable yet d'Arco solves them all, and *this* well-recorded three-LP box is in fact a *tour de force*.

Most considerable among the other items she plays is d'Indy's late Variations Op.85. His music always has a solid intellectual basis, even in pieces like the *Symphonie Cévenole* which is based on French folksongs, and the Variations are typical in being austere yet passionate, marked by an elegiac nobility. Like d'Indy, Guy Ropartz was a Franck pupil, yet became a regional artist, comparable to deSéverac, his work coloured by the folk idioms of Brittany. The serene melancholy of his 3rd Nocturne is quite personal, and the darkly *atmospheric Soir de Toussaint* seems the finest of his *Croquis d'Automne series*.

Florent Schmitt was similarly unconcerned with current fashions, and if his solo keyboard music does not have the size and expressive density of more characteristic pieces such as his Piano Quintet and orchestral *Tragedie de Salomé, Tristesse de Pan* is still a powerful elegy in *Debussy's memory* (as are Dukas's *La Plainte au loin du Faune* and Roussel's *L'Accueil des Muses*, also included here). Schmitt's *La tragique chevauchée*, too, has *something of the violence of* his major works.

A different side of d'Indy is shown by his *Chansons et Danses* for wind septet. Not much significant chamber music was being composed in France at the time (*1898*), but this, while much less serious than the brace of rather Beethovenian *string quartets he had* recently produced, is highly melodious, replete with folksong echoes, and beautifully written for the instruments. It even points towards the greenfields-and-Pepsodent air of Milhaud's chamber music for wind. The Gounod of the *Petite Symphonie*, likewise, is another man from the composer of *Faust*, still more from the composer of the sancti*monious religious works, and* the frothy elegance of this piece is delightfully conveyed by the Bourgue ensemble.

Something of that elegance is found, too, amid the voluble self-confidence, the uninhibited prodigality, of Milhaud's vast output. His generation felt it necessary to go further afield in search of *inspiration*, partly to escape the Wagnerian tendencies that had so influenced *composers* like d'Indy. Hence the catchy South American dance rhythms of *Saudades do Brasil*, where polytonality, if pursued less systematically than in, say, Milhaud's String *Quartet No 5, gives the suave* yet poignant music some unexpected, even disconcerting, shifts of perspective. He may have taken a hint for this kind of writing from the superimposition of unrelated chords in Schmitt's *Tragédie de Salomé*, but his orientation was chiefly melodic and polyphonic. Milhaud *was interested, too, in* popular rather than folk art, hence the refinements of commercial ragtime found in the *Rag Caprices*, which are played especially well by Bolcom, who is already known for an excellent LP of Gershwin piano music.

This search for the exotic is also reflected in the Blues movement of Ravel's Violin Sonata and in the Gypsy echoes of his Tzigane, late scores which show what nonsense was the talk of his declining powers. *Carracilly* and Barda drive the Blues too hard for its irony to register, but the Sonata's fine-spun first movement is perceptively shaped, and the earlier Piano Trio, one of the few perfect works for this difficult medium, is warmly luminous. (The Calliope LPs can be ordered by any record *shop from* CRD Ltd, Lyon Way, Rockware Avenue, Greenford, Middlesex.)

**Max Harrison**

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| Wednesday 25 Feb 5.55 p.m. | GEORGE THALBEN-BALL (organ) with Rosemary Thayer (soprano) & Francis Mason (violin) Bach Prelude & Fugue in G minor, BWV 535 Karg-Elert Three Symphonic Chorales, Op. 87 Howells Paean. Season tickets for recitals in Feb. & March: £2.50 50p (inc programme) Royal Festival Hall |
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| Tuesday 2 March 8 p.m. | ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Antal Dorati (conductor), Isaac Stern (violin) Haydn Symphony No. 93 (Oxford) Mozart Violin Concerto, K.219 Prokofiev Violin Concerto No. 1 Stravinsky Suite, The Firebird (1919). £3.20, £2.20 (ALL OTHERS SOLD) RPO Ltd |
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| Tuesday 24 Feb 7.45 p.m. | ALBAN BERG QUARTET Schubert Quartettsatz in C minor, D.703 Berg Lyric Suite Dvorák Quartet in G, Op. 106 £1.45, £1.20, £1.00, 80p, 55p Anglo-Austrian Music Soc Ltd |
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| Friday 27 Feb 7.45 p.m. | ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA John Pritchard (conductor), Neil Black (oboe) Rossini Overture, La Scala di Seta Strauss Oboe Concerto; Metamorphosen Haydn Symphony No. 98 in C minor £1.80, £1.60, £1.20, 80p ECO & MS Ltd |
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| Sunday 29 Feb 3 p.m. | GARY GRAFFMAN Piano Recital Beethoven Sonata in E, Op. 109 Liszt Sonata in B minor Chopin Four Ballades £1.50, £1.30, 90p 50p Ingpen & Williams Ltd |
| Sunday 29 Feb 7.15 p.m. | ITZHAK PERLMAN Unaccompanied Violin Recital Bach Partita No. 3 in E, BWV 1006; Sonata No. 2 in A minor, BWV 1003; Partita No. 2 in D minor, BWV 1004 £2.00, £1.50, £1.00 (ALL OTHERS SOLD) Harold Holt Ltd |
| Monday 1 March 7.45 p.m. | LONDON SINFONIETTA and Chorus Gary Bertini (cond) Dallapiccola Sei Cori di Michelangelo Buonarroti Hannah Francis, Elaine Barry, Elizabeth Harrison, Gillian Hall, Gloria Jennings: Piccola Musica Notturna; Commiato: Canti di Prigionia £1.60, £1.30, £1.00, 65p Sinfonietta Productions Ltd |
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| Wednesday 3 March 7.45 p.m. | GERAINT JONES ORCHESTRA Geraint Jones (conductor) Martin Hughes (piano), Mozart Symphony No. 20 in D; Piano Concerto in B flat, K.456; Haydn Symphony No. 94 in G (Surprise) £1.50, £1.30, £1.10, 85p, 55p Kirckman Concert Society Ltd |
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| Tuesday 24 Feb. 7.30 p.m. | ALBERTO COLOMBO Piano Prog inc: Busoni Sonatina brevis in Signo Joannis Sebastiani Magni Beethoven Sonata, Op. 10 [illegible] Prokofiev Sonata No. 7 Smetana 3 Bohemian Dances Chopin Barcarolle, Op. 60; 4 Mazurkas; Scherzo Op. 39 £1.50, £1.30, 80p Ibbs & Tillett |
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## Chess

# A golden future

I suppose the nearest equivalent in the chess-world to John Curry's gold medal at Innsbruck would be an English player winning the world championship. Such an event would do chess a power of good in this country, as, for example, it did for The Netherlands when Dr Euwe won the world title by beating Alekhine in 1935. Here perhaps I may interpolate the news that, according to a Euwe Committee "Prof Dr Max Euwe hopes to celebrate his 75th birthday on May 20 next". The committee intends to offer to Dr Euwe a birthday present in the shape of a Euwe fund to which chess enthusiasts all over the world will be asked to contribute. Dr Euwe plans to devote this fund to the support and encouragement of chess in the chess-developing countries. Both the scheme and its aim seem highly laudable.

Unlike the Dutch, we in this country have never had a world champion unless we class Staunton as such after he had won his match against Saint-Amant in 1843. In any case, that was 133 years ago and in modern times the nearest an English player has got to the title was the solitary occasion in 1951 when an English player qualified for the Interzonal. Even that stage is quite a long way from a match for the world championship. But neither of our representatives in the FIDE Zonal tournaments managed to qualify, or even to look like qualifying for this year's Interzonals and so we will have to wait to 1978 before there is a possibility of an English player qualifying in the cycle again. With the wealth of young talent at our disposal at the moment it looks likely that an English player will indeed qualify in nearly three years' time and that he might then even go on to the penultimate stage, that of the Candidates' matches, to decide who will face whoever is world champion in 1981. Who knows, with all that North Sea oil, we might be in a position to stage the world championship match then. Meanwhile we will have to content ourselves with having had a recent Junior World Champion in Tony Miles.

When one turns to what used to be known in pre-lib days as the distaff side the position is quite different. The Women's World Championship is, in comparison with the men's, a recent institution. When Vera Menchik won the first Women's World Championship in 1927 she was already half-English, having an English mother and a Czech father and having been resident in this country for six years. Vera became wholly English when she married R. H. Stevenson in 1937 and she retained the world title till her untimely death in an air-raid on London in 1944.

This was a grave setback to women's chess, not only in this country but all over the world since Vera was really of master strength. But now, in a situation that in some ways bears a curious parallel to that of 1937 English women's chess has another player who may well be, or become, of world class. I refer to Dr. Jana Hartston who was also of Czech nationality before she married our present British champion, Bill Hartston, thereby going one better than Vera who married the hon. secretary of the British Chess Federation.

Dr. Hartston is at present working as medical houseman at the Canadian Red Cross hospital in Taplow. There is an excellent precedent for the combining of achievements in the world of chess with professional duties in medicine, for the great Siegbert Tarrasch was also a practising doctor of medicine.

Jana's work at the hospital ends in six months' time and then she will undertake preparations for playing in the Women's Interzonal tournament. Her qualifying path has been an arduous one. The representatives of Zones 1-3 in Europe were divided into two tournaments, the one largely from eastern Europe and the other from western Europe. These should have been of equal strength, but, through various circumstances the western European one held at Pula in Yugoslavia, was much the stronger. Jana played in the latter and shared fifth place with Makai (Romania) and Porubszky (Poland) with 10 points. The first four (who qualified for the Interzonal) were Lemachko (Bulgaria) 13, Verocay (Hungary) 12, v. d. Mije-Nicolau (The Netherlands) 11½ and Lazarevic (Yugoslavia) 11.

In view however of the disparate strength of the two zonal tournaments the FIDE president decided to allot a fifth place to the western one.

Towards the end of January a double-round play-off among the three concerned was held at Timisoara in Romania. Jana came first with 2½ points ahead of Makai 2 and Porubszky 1½. She won one and drew one with Makai and drew both her games with Porubszky. Her victory was more comfortable than the score suggests since she was never in danger of losing and had winning positions in both her games with Porubszky.

I congratulate Jana on her success so far and wish her further success in the Interzonal from whence, so it seems to me, she has a genuine chance *of qualifying for the next step*, the Candidates' matches.

Before giving a game from Timisoara, let me attempt to repair errors of commission and omission in last week's article. The Varied Baseline Tournament will be held on Sunday, February 29 in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, from 11 am to 8.30 pm. Intending competitors who have not yet entered should write to the Hon Secretary, First VBC Tournament, Sedgwick Park, Horsham, Sussex, telephone Lower Beeding 369.

White:—Makai. Black Hartston

Pirc Defence.

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| 1 Kt-KB3 | P-KKt3 | | 5 B-K2 | 0-0 | |
| 2 P-K4 | P-Q3 | | 6 0-0 | Kt-B3 | |
| 3 P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 | | 7 P-QR4 | B-Kt5 | |
| 4 Kt-B3 | B-Kt2 | | 8 Kt-Q2 | | |

A passive continuation; 8. B-K3 should have been played.

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| 8 ... | BxB | | 10 P-QB3 | PxP |
| 9 KtxB | P-K4 | | | |

Black is planning a King-side action, but the more energetic way of exploiting White's passive play was 10 ... P-Q4.

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| 11 PxP | Q-K2 | | 15 PxP | RxP |
| 12 P-B5 | Kt-Q2 | | 16 Kt-Kt3 | R-KB1 |
| 13 Kt-Kt4 | P-B4 | | 17 R-K1 | |
| 14 P-Q5 | Kt-Q1 | | | |

Obvious and bad, since White is merely urging the Black Queen to where it wants to go. Better was 17. P-R5.

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| 17 ... | Q-B2 | | 19 P-R5 | Kt-B5 |
| 18 Kt-K4 | Kt-Kt3 | | | |

She cannot play 19 ..., KtxP; on account of 26. Kt-Kt5, Q-B4; 21. P-KKt4, winning the Kt.

20 Kt-B5

Again a passive move; 20. Kt-Kt5 was better.

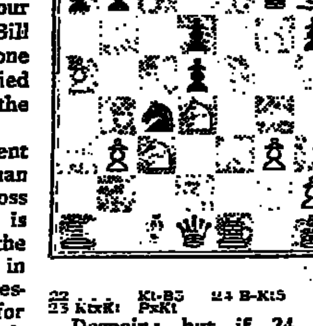
20 ... P-B3 21 Kt-Q4

This, and the next move, lose for White; correct was 21. R-R4.

21 ... PxP 22 P-QKt3

Making bad worse; now there are weaknesses on the long diagonal of which Black takes clever advantage.

Position after White's 22nd move



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| 22 ... | Kt-B5 | | 24 B-Kt5 | |
| 23 KtxKt | PxKt | | | |

Despair; but if 24. Q-B2, Q-B3. The rest needs no comment except that both sides were in some time trouble.

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| 24 ... | BxKt | | 30 BxR | Kt-B2 |
| 25 R-K4 | Q-B4 | | 31 Q-B2 | Q-Q4 |
| 26 P-KR4 | Kt-K4 | | 32 Q-R6 | Q-K3 |
| 27 R-B1 | P-Q5 | | 33 Q-Kt7 | R-K1 |
| 28 Q-B1 | R-B2 | | 34 B-Kt5 | Q-K6 ch |
| 29 P-B4 | RxR | | resigns | |

**Harry Golombek**


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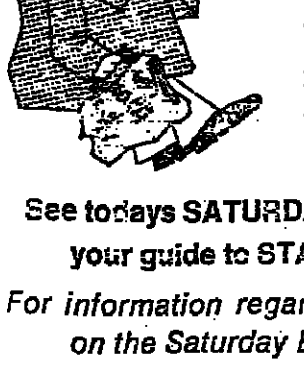

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Antiques

# Thieves have the key to supply and demand

Two paintings stolen in January from Merton College, Oxford. Prince William of Orange (left) by an unknown eighteenth century artist and Prince Maurice of Orange by an unknown seventeenth century artist. Each is valued at around £2,000.

"We think they are now stealing to order" said Detective Inspector Mason of the Art and Antiques Squad. "The demand for antiques has become so great that burglary is necessary to solve the trade's supply position". I was visiting *Scotland Yard* to garner advice for collectors—and the inspector certainly was telling me. He suggests that this type of burglary is teamwork—and that there are several separate teams operating. Someone who knows what type of *antiques* are in demand gives an order for so many clocks or ivories and the team tries to find the right houses to break into to fill the order. He is not suggesting that the actual tearaways *who break into the house* are knowledgeable connoisseurs but that they receive clear specifications from above.

This is bad news for collectors for he implies that once any collecting field has become *popular burglaries will be* arranged to boost the market's supply—and known collectors are obviously prime targets. The most amazing recent example of stealing to order comes from one of London's top auctioneers who were sent photographs of paintings from an Italian church for an opinion although they had not *—yet—been stolen.*

The inspector's views sound right to me judging from the many burglary *stories* I have heard recently. Have you noticed how all your aquaintances are getting burgled? *Even with the worms' eye view* of an ordinary member of the public it is pretty obvious that one is going to be burgled oneself either sooner or later. My mother was done over Christmas; it was a clear example of one of Inspector Mason's teams. They took all the clocks in the house of any age—including a grandfather which must have *been quite testing to dismantle* and remove. One or two other things were gone but quite at random—they must have been added as an afterthought.

The question that this raised in my mind was what can or is *being done about it? Well, the* Art, Antiques and Philatelic Squad was formed at Scotland Yard in 1968, a special team to deal with crimes concerning art, antiques and stamps. There are only eight of them at present *but they had 1,078 crimes* concerning art referred to them last year; the first six weeks of 1976 have thrown up another 140. They have contact men in most of the major provincial squads. Indeed, the Devon and Cornwall constabulary have been so plagued with burglaries of this kind that they have organized a special six-day *course for police officers with* lectures from art and antiques experts as well as representatives of the trade.

The most crucial problem for the squad at present lies in the recognition of stolen objects. The art and antiques boom of the last 15 years has seen to it that many items of a "type" regularly on the market are *extremely valuable, for* instance: Georgian silver coffee pots, long case clocks or Chinese jades. It is virtually impossible to recognize a specific example from a verbal description. What the detectives need are photographs; armed with these they can visit the various street markets and traders where they have an inkling of suspicion and make a positive identification of *stolen goods.* Without them they are helpless. Indeed they are faced annually with the disposal of substantial *hauls of stolen* goods which no one has come forward to claim; they have to be auctioned off.

This is where the general public can really do something to help by photographing all the potentially valuable items in their possession. Inspector Mason's strong advice is to do this yourself; get a simple, cheap camera and go round room by room taking the best snaps you can manage. If you employ a professional firm there is always the danger that someone will go "bent" and your photographs will find their way into the hands of the burglars.

The police suggest that you should keep one set of these photographs yourself hidden somewhere about the house and another should be lodged with your solicitor or bank. This is to ensure that the police can get hold of them quickly if you are away from home when the *burglars strike. If you can be* bothered you should add some simple descriptive notes: measurements, description of colours, inscriptions, makers' names, obvious scratches, chips or damage. In the case of silver it is well worth while to photograph the marks because the way they are struck is probably characteristic and unique.

*At present this type of information* is rarely available when a burglary occurs and this is what makes stolen goods so easy to dispose of. You would be amazed how difficult it is to describe accurately an object that you've lived with for years. The police now use the series of Price Guide books published by the Antique Collectors' Club of *Woodbridge*, Suffolk. This facilitates the exchange of information round the country; the theft of "a Worcester jug similiar to illustration 294" is a step towards identification, though far from *perfect. Unfortunately the Price* Guide to clocks has not yet been published and this is a particularly popular area with burglars.

Before collectors (and "inheritors") of art and antiques have pulled up their socks about photographing their treasured possessions there is little hope that the police will get on top of the burglary boom. Without photographs it is virtually certain that you will never recover your possessions; with them you are at least in with a chance. They can be advertised in the "Too Hot to Handle" column of *Art and Antiques Weekly* or even *on television's Police Five.* If *they come into police possession* after a raid, they will be recognized.

Paintings have attracted special attention from the Art and Antiques Squad. They have devised a method of coding their specifications—size, artist, *composition etc—and information* on between 7,000 and 8,000 paintings stolen all over the world is already stored on the Yard's computer. Photographs of paintings are still an enormous help, but the computer programme has led to the identification of 40 stolen paintings since September—so it is at least working. The squad is looking into the question of coding in other fields, particularly porcelain and antique firearms.

This question of identification is so crucial because a lot *of art works and antiques find* their way quite quickly back into the legitimate art market. The Yard feeds information on stolen goods to Sotheby's, Christie's, Phillips and other auctioneers but the specifications are generally so imprecise that the auction experts would never be able to identify the goods. Occasionally fate *takes a hand; one item stolen* from a German museum was sold to a dealer in Camden Passage, London, who put it into Sotheby's, where it was sold to a German dealer, who put it in his window, where it *was seen by the museum cura*tor.

Everyone is interested in helping. The British Antique Dealers' Association have been looking into the matter for some years in conjunction with *their international parent asso*ciation SINOA. The art market is now so international that they feel there is no use in tackling the dissemination of information on stolen goods except on an international scale. But again there is little they can do when photographs are not available. Approaches have been made to the insurance industry to see if a reduction in premiums cannot be negotiated on properly photographed collections; the idea has apparently not proved feasible because of the danger that a corrupt clerk in the insurance office might pass on the photographs to the underworld.

The question of stolen goods matters a lot to dealers. If they purchase them unwittingly it is more than possible that they will find themselves required to return the goods to their rightful owner while receiving no compensation for the purchase price. The Antiquarian Book Dealers' Association has devised a most ingenious system to protect themselves in this matter. Books are much easier to describe verbally and the association has set up a *telephone chain on the old prin*cipal of the chain letter to pass information down the line on books that have been stolen and may be offered to them for sale. Each dealer when notified has to ring up four others and *pass on the information and so* on round the country until everyone in the book trade knows.

From the point of view of the private collector or owner of nice objects the other crucial matter, regarding the burglar, is that of insurance. Before they accept your business insurance companies expect you to show "due diligence" in protecting your possessions. This may simply be a matter of having adequate locks on your doors and windows; but if your possessions are too valuable (over £70,000 if not less) they may expect you to have a full perimeter system with devices that trigger off an alarm on doors and windows and a telephone link into the police 999 system. When the personal disadvantages of living *in this type of electronic strong*hold are added to the pressure of massive insurance premiums the pleasure of owning a fine art collection may well be destroyed.

A perimeter system is likely to cost at least £400; it is advisable to consult your insurance broker on the type to install, otherwise you may find that they do not accept your system and make you put in another one. Some collectors feel that they would rather take the risk of burglary than pay up and wire up—and who is to blame them? It is perhaps worth noting that owners of works of art scheduled as of "national importance" receive no tax concessions on their insurance premiums; surely the Government if it minds about the "national heritage" could *be more generous about this.*

From Mr John Southern of the insurance brokers Duveen and Walker—who specialize in art and antiques—I have gleaned a few specific pieces of advice for collectors. In the first place, make sure that you are not under-insured. He advises having an itemized schedule of your collection even if some or all the pieces are *worth under £100 and would* not necessarily have to be itemized under your insurance policy. It provides a useful discipline and helps you keep up to date on values.

On top of this it is wise to negotiate a float figure to cover future purchases and a limited amount of special cover outside the home to take care of situations such as *collecting pur*chases from dealers or auction rooms or sending objects to the restorer. He suggests that collectors are often better served by a Lloyd's broker rather than the standard "contents of the *house" insurance provided by* the big companies. A Lloyd's broker can provide a personally tailored policy adapted to your collection; for instance, there is the charmingly named "duster clause" by which the owner of fragile objects obtains a reduced premium by guaranteeing that only he himself will dust the treasured objects. Other *special clauses can be* built into the policy to suit your personal requirements.

**Bevis Hillier**

Bridge

# Feeling your way

It is an anomaly that One Club is not the best opening on a hand where the limited strength is concentrated in the club suit. If you can afford to open, the most satisfactory bid may prove to be One No trump. This was discovered in the days of Auction but had been forgotten until recent developments in system bidding.

Even when the club suit has a serious flaw which weakens the point count value put upon the hand, the opponents do not necessarily find the killing defence. I have taken a deal from a high-powered duplicate tournament in America, although the principle applies equally to rubber bridge. An unfortunate opening lead combined with an ill-chosen discard on the clubs gave declarer game in No trumps where a conservative player preferred a contract in Clubs and went down.

No score; dealer North.

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| | ♠ J 8 7 4<br>♡ A 6 4 3 2<br>◇ Q 10 8<br>♣ 10 | |
| ♠ K 6 5<br>♡ Q J 7<br>◇ J 4<br>♣ J 9 5 3 2 | N<br>W E<br>S | ♠ A Q 9 2<br>♡ 9 8 5<br>◇ A 7 6 3 2<br>♣ 8 |
| | ♠ 10 3<br>♡ K 10<br>◇ K 9 5<br>♣ A K Q 7 6 4 | |

| North | East | South | West |
|---|---|---|---|
| No | No | 1 No trump | No |
| 2 Clubs (Stayman) | No | 2 Diamonds | No |
| 2 Hearts | No | 3 No trumps | No |
| No | | | |

West led the ♣3 to dummy's ♣10. Declarer, whose only resource was to pray for opponents to establish his ninth trick, led a heart to his ♡K and cashed the ♣A on which East discarded a heart. He next led a low club and East mistakenly threw the ♣2. West did not like to play away from his ♠K, so he led the ◇J to the ◇Q and ◇A; East returned a diamond and declarer therefore made game when he should not have taken more than eight tricks. The curious feature of the deal is that the declarer would not have lost points even if he had gone down because his opponent played the same hand in three Clubs (losing two spades, two trumps and one diamond), without the slightest chance of making his contract.

Even the greatest players sometimes overlook that the principal purpose behind a minor suit opening is to pave the way for a contract in a *major suit or in No trumps* unless a perfect fit in the minor is uncovered. Four small trumps opposite four headed by the ace king do not provide adequate support for a slam in *the trump suit.*

Two years ago the bidding of an Australian pair in the *world championship* was highly praised when they reached Six Diamonds, although they lost a slam which would probably have been made in No trumps. I say "probably" because their partners in the other room *defeated Six No trumps* by what was described as the finest defensive play of the tournament. The defence would not have been successful if the declarer had played his cards to better advantage; but *the deal has several interesting* features and not the least is the choice of the final contract.

East West game; dealer North.

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| | ♠ 10 5 4 3 2<br>♡ 10 8 7 4<br>◇ 5<br>♣ 8 4 3 | |
| ♠ A 7<br>♡ A J 9 5 2<br>◇ 9 6 4 3<br>♣ Q 10 | N<br>W E<br>S | ♠ Q 9 8 6<br>♡ K Q<br>◇ A K 7 2<br>♣ A K J |
| | ♠ K J<br>♡ 6 3<br>◇ Q J 10 8<br>♣ 9 7 6 5 2 | |

| North | East | South | West |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Spade | No | 2 No trumps | No |
| 3 Hearts | No | 3 No trumps | No |
| 6 No trumps | No | No | |

| North East | South West |
|---|---|
| No 2 No trumps | No 3 Diamonds |
| No 3 Hearts | No 3 No trumps |
| No 6 No trumps | No No |

*When East reached Six Dia*monds after a conventional One Club and a positive response of One Heart he had no chance. At another table where transfer bids were employed in order that the strong hand should not appear on the table, West avoided the trap of playing in a suit by assessing the all-over value of his hand and rejecting *a contract which hung upon a* 3—2 trump break.

The ◇Q was led. East should have won the trick and returned a diamond in order to ascertain whether the suit broke favourably or whether he must rely upon a *squeeze*, but he allowed the ◇Q to win. South was a quick thinker and switched to the ♠J. This *forced the declarer to an im*mediate decision which he soon regretted; for he won with the ♠A and thereafter could not avoid losing another trick. So the results cancelled each other and would have escaped notice *but for the eagle-eye of the* recorder. As my readers will have already seen there was no defence to Six No trumps in spite of the diamonds being twice held, although South succeeded in an elementary *piece of bluff.* Whether East wins or ducks the opening lead he can squeeze South in spades and diamonds or force him to play away from his ♠K, by the simple process of a Vienna coup. By keeping the long diamond in dummy, declarer forces South to unguard his ♠K.

**Edward Mayer**

Gardening

# These plants are made for walking on

Some very odd queries arrive in my mail and one the other day really floored me. It was a request for a list of plants that could withstand being walked on fairly frequently. I could only think offhand of the creeping forms of thyme and the Corsican mint, *Mentha requienii*, which is a good plant to grow in light shade, and the non-flowering chamomile *Anthemis* 'Treneague', which covers large areas of the Buckingham Palace lawns.

My friend Will Ingwersen of Birch Farm Nursery, Graveye, East Grinstead, West Sussex, however, came to my rescue with the following list of plants which he says will endure quite a lot of traffic without suffering damage: any of the acaenas and cotulas; all forms of thrift, *Armeria maritima*; the dwarf achilleas such as *A. argentea* and *A. lewisii*, also known as 'King Edward', *A. tomentosa* and *A. rupaestris*; such dwarf pinks as *Dianthus arvernensis, D. deltoides* and *D.* 'Little Jock'; *Genista pilosa* 'Procumbens', the prostrate broom: *Geranium sanguineum* 'Lancastriense'; *Raoulia australis, R. glabra* and *R. tenuicaulis*; *Sagina glabra* 'Aurea' and *Veronica filiformis.*

I should add a rider that *V. filiformis* is a most invasive plant and it should be strictly confined to a chink between stones in a paved area or path. Never let it loose in a rock garden or in a border unless you want it to take over completely as ground cover.

These plants will not mind being trodden on three or four times in a week, but of course they should not be planted in a paved path that is in regular and constant use. All of them are attractive, nearly all have attractive flowers as well as pleasing foliage.

Many people feel that a bit of lawn is obligatory even in the tiniest garden. Fair enough if you feel that way, but you may consider it not worth the trouble of cutting, feeding and watering. You may prefer, as many have done, to replace it with an area of formal or *informal paving, with plenty of* holes left for plants. If you really are a plant lover such an area allows you to grow many more plants in a small garden and still leave some sitting space.

I would suggest, however, that if you do decide to plant a "paved garden" you do not confine yourself to the very low growing or *carpeting plants.* Here and there on the parts likely to be less trodden upon use one or two slightly taller plants, such as say the yellow broom *Genista lydia* or the grey leaved cotton lavender *Santolina incana*, now to be known as *S. chamaecyparissus.* The last named may be kept very neat and about 12-18in high if trimmed hard every year in late March. If you trim it in autumn or winter you may lose it. Then the dwarf lavenders, of which there are several, such as the blue Munstead Dwarf growing *to about* 12in high, are both decorative and aromatic.

While I am offering lists of plants I may as well include the list of quick maturing vegetable seeds that Suttons were kind *enough to make for me to send* to friends in Outer Mongolia where the growing season is only about three months. I have had many requests for this list because these quick maturing crops are not only suitable for climates with a short growing season, but also for sub-tropical areas which may have a short season of available moisture. *Furthermore, some of them are* vegetables that you may find most useful to grow as catch crops—that is, before a main crop is planted, or after an early crop has been harvested.

One reader from Lanarkshire *said his climate was almost as* difficult for gardening as that of Outer Mongolia. His garden is 850 feet up, has a rainfall of 44in a year, and a frost is recorded in every month except August. His ever present problem will be wind and he will be wise to provide whatever he can in the way of shelter for his crops.

However, here are Suttons's suggestions.

Pea "Feltham First". This is round seeded which means it is very hardy, makes a height of 15in, first early in maturity.

Dwarf French beans "Masterpiece". Very quick maturing, is the flat podded English type.

Dwarf bean "Sprite". Matures at the same time as "Masterpiece", but is pencil podded and completely stringless.

Mung bean. This is grown indoors on wet tissues or flannel to provide young seedling shoots as used in Chinese restaurants. This is not for growing outdoors.

Beet "Earlybunch". A quick growing globe variety.

Cabbage "Earliest". Quick growing, pointed headed variety.

Cabbage "May Express". Quick growing, ball-head variety.

Chinese cabbage "Sampan". *Excellent cooked or in salads.* Very quick growing.

Carrot "Parisian Rondo". Small round roots about the size of a plum when fully matured.

Carrot 'Champion Scarlet Horn'. Size and shape of the middle finger.

Cauliflower 'Snowball'. Dwarf growing, quick maturing.

Chicory 'Sugar Loaf' (Pain de Sucre). Resembles a Cos lettuce, stands in a fresh condition over a long period, excellent for salading.

Kohl Rabi 'Earliest White'.

Cucumber. Outdoor ridge variety 'Baton Vert'.

Cabbage lettuce 'Fortune'. Plain leaved butter-head type.

Cabbage lettuce 'Windermere'. Curled leaved, crisp heart variety.

Cos lettuce 'Winter Density'. This is very dwarf and compact in growth, very crisp, hardy and only requires 6in between plants; whereas 'Fortune' requires 10in and 'Windermere' 12in.

Marrow 'Green Bush' F. hybrid. This could be used for the dual purpose of producing courgettes or the young fruits can be left to mature and used as marrows.

Onion 'Cocktail'. This is almost certainly the only variety which would mature in a short season. When fully matured they are about the size of a thumb nail. Excellent for pickling, preserving in white vinegar, but first class cooked as a vegetable, *particularly with a dish of young* peas, young carrots French style.

Radish 'Red Forcing'. The earliest maturing variety, small round roots, scarlet skin.

Radish 'China Rose'. Distinct from English types of radish, matures in 10 weeks. The roots can be lifted and stored for use in out of season salads.

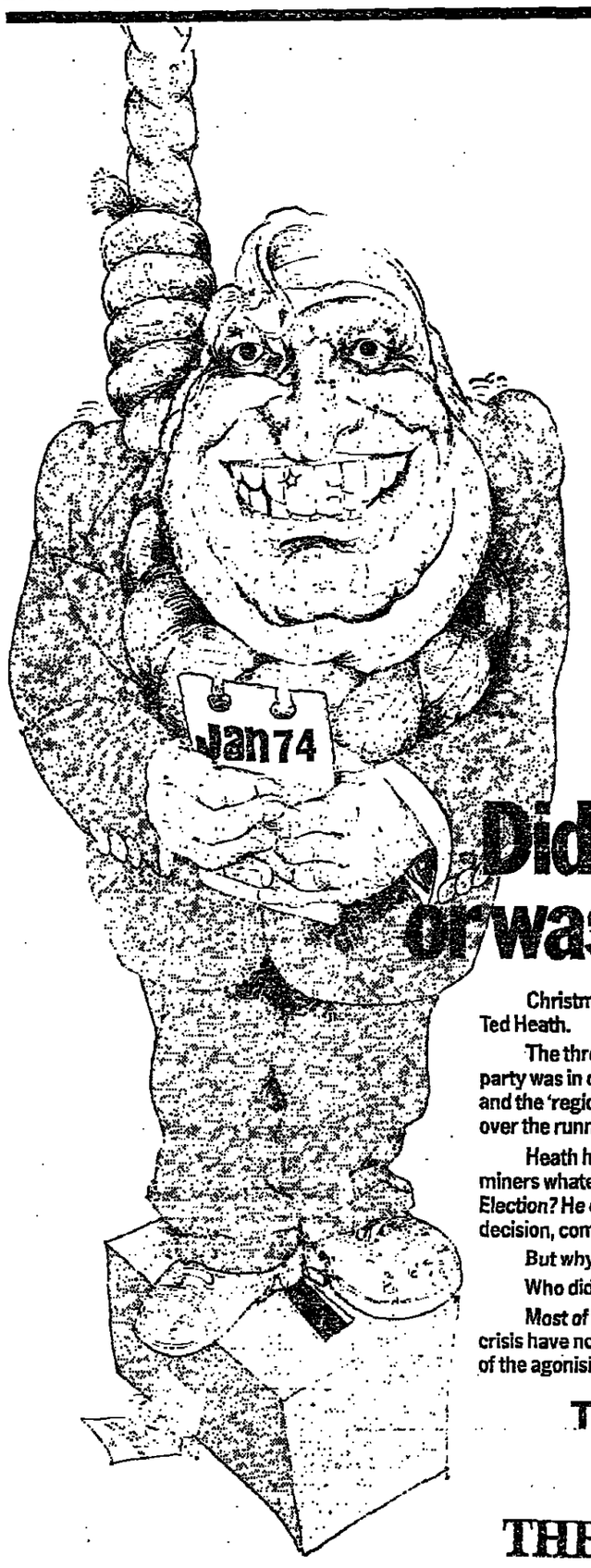
Spinach 'Greenmarket'.

Turnip 'White Milan'.

Many people are asking in view of the scarcity and price of *seed potatoes* if they could use some of their own home grown tubers as seed, or even those bought at the greengrocers. Normally we would not do this because of the risk that these tubers may be infected *with virus disease* and will therefore give a poor yield. It is reasonably safe to do so for one or two years if necessary. We had to do it during the war, but the stock will certainly deteriorate, and it is much better to obtain certified seed that is free from disease.

Also, as some ware or eating potatoes are treated with a growth inhibitor to prevent sprouting in the store it would be wise to set them up to see if they sprout before planting.

**Roy Hay**

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Clive Barnes/New York Notebook

# Levin is the dancing elves' next target

Yes, of course, I really do intend to write about New York. This is where my column is based, and, most important to a journalist, what I am fundamentally paid to do. But I have been so knocked out by a pamphlet sent out by the West Germans and called *Development and Structure of the Theatre in the Federal Republic of Germany* that I must share one aspect of it. I promise I am going to go on to Bernard Levin, the American television talk show, and the theatre in Connecticut, but first, please indulge me—West Germany and its fantastic theatre. And my pamphlet.

Facts, facts, facts. I don't quite know whether it is one of those awful racial stereotypes, but one does have an odd feeling that the Germans are in better control of their statistics than most of us. It could be an illusion, but I do recall many years ago the German government being decent enough to host me on an extraordinarily comprehensive tour of new German theatres. The organization, as I recall it, was named "Internationes", and for all I know it was the equivalent of our CIA. Indeed, for all I know, it might even have been the CIA. Nevertheless it gave me a fantastic opportunity, over a period of some four weeks, really to see the German theatre—its drama, its opera, its ballet.

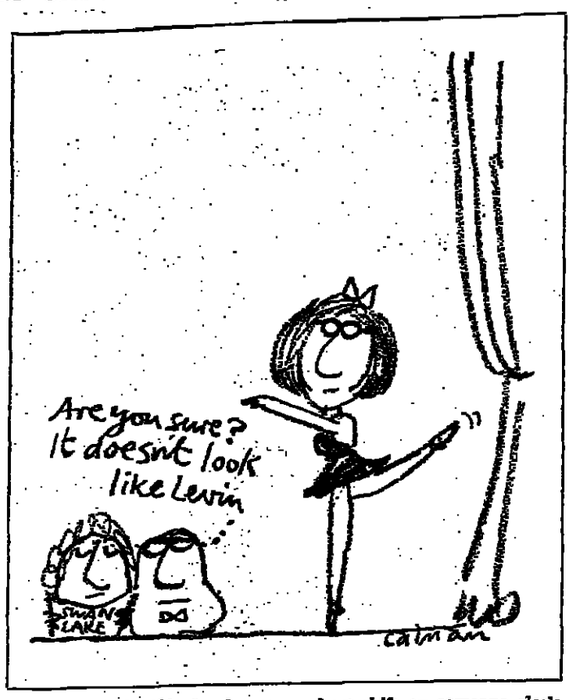
It was very helpful to me at the time, particularly in the way it formulated my ideas for subsidy and public involvement in the English-speaking theatre. It was important to me as a critic, and I have had a warm feeling for the German theatre in its totality ever since.

Germany has created—and really created it since World War Two—something very special. A new and aware theatrical world, all complete with its own theatrical citizens. But all that, beguiling as it may be, is not what has grabbed my attention.

Statistics—that was what got me. They give a list of the most-performed authors during the 1973-74 season. The leader, perhaps surprisingly, is Brecht with 1,286 performances. Less surprisingly the follow-up is Shakespeare with 1,276 performances. The third, and perhaps who would have believed this, is Molière with 1,035 performances. Wild. The fourth is the odd one. The fourth one is someone called, quite simply, Cooney. He had 635 performances. Schiller ran in fifth with 627. Translated English-speaking playwrights are not doing that well in Germany. Someone called Raybourn, who I suspect might just possibly be Ayckbourn, rates ninth with 491 performances, someone called Chapman is twenty-secondth with 337 performances (at least he does almost as well as Anouilh who is nineteenth with 363 performances or Ibsen who is fourteenth with 402). But the interesting one is Cooney, who, I presume, is the same Ray Cooney who found fame, fortune and the German market by writing some kind of play called *Please don't move Mrs Markham, I'm British.*

And, incidentally, *Absolutely No Sex—Please.* It sounds a long title in English—but in German it simply translates to a series of German consonants, which are a little gutteral but surprisingly brief.

Now for Levin. Bernard is a very nice person—he doesn't bite, he just growls threateningly and on cue—who must not be exposed too much to the theatre. He once went crazy about Wagner and he has never been quite the same since. Likeable, of course—most Wagnerites are oddly likeable, it is why they are so uninhibited as house guests or Monopoly players—but when he exposed himself to dance, his libido was going a little too far in slightly the wrong direction. It is not so much that Bernard Levin is not ready for dance—he is pulsatingly ready for every new experience that comes along—but simply that dance is not ready for Bernard Levin. But he, secretly, is such a nice person that we in the dance world, we happy, busy little elves, will seduce him, and before you know where he is, Bernard will be dancing with vine-leaves in his hair, like Isadora Duncan in a short shift on someone else's lawn.




Talk shows. These are still interesting American phenomena. American television is curiously odd. It consists of vaguely innovative variety shows, mostly staged by a man called Norman Lear, who seems to make some kind of profit out of being (quite sensibly as it always turns out) outrageously outrageous, while still, of course, making a lot of money.

He is trying to do lowest, commoq denominator shows with a flint of taste, and as a result he has become something of a cult. In no other industry could so little talent produce such interesting results. Mr Lear's shows are really somewhat cutesy, they are, transparently, trying to make the ratings with some little degree of class, and they do indeed make the ratings, but the class is not all noticeable. Except in the words of the television reviewers, who are naturally so grateful for anything—literally anything.

The wasteland of American television (disregarding the public broadcasting system) is as unusual as Alaska, and just about as likely. Yet the news programmes are really rather good, and the talk shows have a special kind of viability.

The talk shows, already we speak of them in the plural, which they really are not. Nowadays there is really only one of near importance, and it is Johnny Carson on NBC. It is based in Los Angeles, which is probably the first and last thing that is wrong with it. I mean nothing is really based in Los Angeles except orange juice. It is a kind of silly city and as a cultural centre it has to rate a little lower than Berne or even Birmingham. It really is a terrible place—a long main street twisting around hopelessly in the vain prospect of finding something.

The Carson Show is nowadays little more than a succession of people plugging nightclub engagements. But the other evening there was the strange spectacle of Dick Cavett appearing on the Carson show. Years and years ago Cavett used to be a writer for Carson, and more recently he used to have his own show—rather more literate and engaging than Carson's—which was a rival to the Carson caravan. Seeing Cavett on the Carson show was oddly revealing—he giggled politely and with a certain deference. At one time the late-night talk-show circuit was based in New York, and consisted not just of Carson and Cavett but also David Frost and Merv Griffin. Then it had a certain spice. Today it is bland. The talk-shows contain very little talk.

The American theatre exists increasingly outside New York. The other weekend I found myself in Connecticut, or to be more precise, in sudden succession, in New Haven, Stamford and Hartford—seeing a new play by David Rabe, directed by Mike Nichols, called *Streamers*, an adaptation by Larry Arrick of *Tom Jones*, and a new play, in Hartford by a black writer, Ray Aranha, called *The Estate* and based on the life of Thomas Jefferson.

The interesting thing about the Connecticut theatre is, quite simply, its vitality. All of these three companies—and the one in Stamford is new this year—were playing to capacity audiences, and they all had very interesting new plays to show. They are really typical of the new American theatre. Nowadays—it seems to be a non-reversible trend—more members of actors' Equity live outside New York than inside. All three plays had an enormous vitality and they showed not so much the direction the American theatre was taking, but more simply the location. It is a fresh pattern, and one enormously valuable to the American theatre as a whole. These companies have a vitality that is putting up new standards for the theatre. This year, interestingly, for the first time a Tony Theatre Award was given to an out-of-town theatre—it is going to Washington's Arena Stage, and this is a sure mark of the importance the non-New York theatre is having in New York City. It is a very invigorating prospect the way the theatre is expanding across the country.

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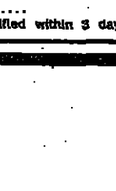

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The 1971 reds have an assertiveness that might make some people think that they came from the Rhône, whereas the subtlety underlying even rather "off" vintages, such as 1972 make them true "baby Burgundies".

Straightforward, fatty fish or plain roast poultry, go well with the whites, some of which are also light enough for apéritif drinking. The reds are good partners to grills, roast meat and many casseroles and, unlike the more velvety Côte d'Or wines, which in my view go best with the creamy or blue cheeses, the Côte Chalonnaise reds can accompany the sharper matured cheeses of the British Isles, on account of their assertive and definite character.

The wines of Rully, in the northern part of the Côte Chalonnaise, are mostly white. They tend to have a slightly earthy attribute and should usually be drunk while quite young. Those of Givry, in the middle of the region, are mostly red, though there are occasional whites. The whole region is much affected by both frosts and hail, so that vintages can vary enormously and a wine that, one year, will be deservedly popular on an export market may not be considered worth shipping for several succeeding vintages by a reputable firm.

Here are some notes on six Côte Chalonnaise wines all bottled in the region, and currently available in the United Kingdom that seem excellent value and good drinking. The Chardonnay is the grape used for the whites, the Pinot Noir for the reds, but discriminating drinkers will probably find as much difference between these wines and those of the Côte d'Or as between the red and white still wines of Champagne and those of the "Golden Slope".

Montagny, in the south of the Côte Chalonnaise, makes only white wines, and the fine vintage of 1971 is definitely a date to note here. The 1971 Montagny of Les Vignerons de la Côte de Buxy, heart of Montagny, is shipped by Roger Grayson, is a bright, definite gold colour, with a scented, warm bouquet and slightly ample taste, while remaining fairly delicate. You could drink it as an aperitif, with fine fish or shellfish or plain poultry dishes and it is probably now at its peak. (£2.60 from the main London branches of Oakeshotts.) The 1973 Montagny of Louis Latour shows how this outstanding shipper can produce a fine wine even in an otherwise awkward vintage. This Montagny is still very reticent, its aroma hardly noticeable, the colour a light lemon-gold, almost green, but it is a very big wine, with a superb crisp flavour and almost pétillant finish. If you want to drink it now, leave the cork out for 15-30 minutes before you pour it, because it needs to breathe. But ideally keep it for another six months. (1973 Montagny, Louis Latour, £2.75, from Cockburn & Campbell, 26 Curzon Street, London, W1, and 101 Hanover Street, Edinburgh 2.)

From Mercurey, which produces nearly all red wines, there is a white, also from the 1971 vintage, from Marcel Amance. I have praised this unusual wine on a previous occasion, but it seems to get better and better. Still rather pale, a shimmery lemon-gold, its rounded, firm flavour and very crisp, cool boquet make it a big wine to be drunk with something to eat, fish or meat, even with a sauce of definite and assertive flavour. (Mercurey Blanc, 1971, Marcel Amance, £2.40 from Laytons Wine Merchants, 11 Gough Square, EC4. Laytons can only supply wines by case lots, but they can make up mixed cases.)

A red Rully, the 1973 Domaine de la Folie, Clos de Bellecroix, of Noel Bouton, is a lightly charming wine, also of special interest on account of its rarity. Its vintage is a light one, and it will not get much better, but at present has appeal and firmness. (1973 Domaine de la Folie, shipped by Roger Grayson, £2.50 from main London branches of Oakeshotts.)

The red Mercureys are, in good years, well worth keeping, but skilful producers can make most appealing wines in years of lightness and possible unbalance—such as 1972. The 1972 Mercurey, Domaine Maurice Protheau, is a firm, moderately robust red, very well made and good to serve with red meat, even the lighter forms of game. (£1.20 from Augustus Barnett, Aldershot Road, Guildford, Surrey, while stocks last—a great bargain.)

Quite a different sort of wine from the same vintage is the 1972 Clos l'Evêque, of Hugues de Suremain; this is still very dark in colour and will certainly improve with a little aging, but already it has a most delicious bouquet, close-textured and herby, and an elegance and length that are outstanding. This is a red wine for very fine but rather plain food. (1972 Mercurey, Clos l'Evêque, Hugues de Suremain, from O. W. Loeb, 15 Jermyn Street, SW1.)

The 1971 Mercurey of Marcel Amance is something that might well be put away for 10 to 20 years—but is a magnificent wine from a great vintage already, combining a profundity of bouquet, subtlety as well as large-scale style, and a lingering, trailing finish that is fascinating. If you drink it now—it is fine enough to go with the plainest and most elegant of meats and poultry, big enough for game, including venison—then decant it or at least draw the cork three to five hours in advance, or even more. This is "old-style" wine in more than the obvious sense of its grandeur, because, the shipper relates, it has been 2½ years in wood, instead of the scant two or less imposed on producers today by the demands of banks, taxmen and the need to turn over rather than tie up stock. If you tasted this blind, you might guess it to be something with a very renowned name from a more northern region of Burgundy, but it is a Côte Chalonnaise masterpiece (1971 Mercurey, Marcel Amance, £2.40 from Laytons.)

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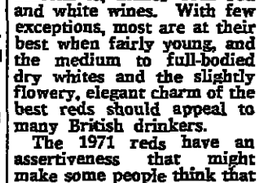

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# Michael Feast comes back to his home ground

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Michael Feast has just
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On stage Michael Feast has
compelling quality of nervous
strength; in person, slim pale,
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one ear, he still projects a sense
of coiled vitality. Does the new
play give him an opportunity to
open up his own particular
creativity?

"Very much so. There's not
*a lot of background* written
into the play for the
characters, so we ourselves
have kind of decided where
we've come from and how
we've met each other."

Does that mean that the play is not formally structured?

"I suppose, in a sense, yes. We have invented and researched ourselves—in that way it's very open. Osborne has made suggestions—but only in the sense of being part of us all, the company. He was not the writer saying this character *was* that and that he *did* that."

So Osborne has been watching the rehearsals?

"Yes, he has. Bill Bryden, the director, and *he felt that* he should be in a lot of the time. It's good to have the writer in on it organically—it gave one a sort of courage to look for background material for the character. You feel you want the writer there, to have had him seeing things you've gone through in your approach to the performance, mistakes maybe too. That's not necessarily so that he can say 'That's *wrong*', but so that he is indeed on our side."

Can he give an indication of what the play is about?

"I was dreading that question" he says candidly. "Well—it concerns a group of people *who've attempted a kind of commune in the country* in a railway station. They're sort of inter-related—not in a family sense, but in their relationships as friends, lovers—and they're mainly artists. I play, in Osborne's words 'a dog at everyone's heels; homosexual'. One of the characters, Ben, is a film director. My character, Raymond, comes from Leicester, and we imagined he met the others while working in costumes somewhere, and was brought along. He's a kind of butler in the house, he looks after people. He has no really close relationship with anyone apart from the lady called Sally, Ben's wife. Raymond tidies up things, cooks, cleans, washes up."

In the National Theatre's recent *Tempest*, a marvellous production with Bosch-like monsters and goddesses out of a rock musical, he played Ariel, who also impersonated Ceres. To what *does he ascribe* the curious magnetism he projected as Shakespeare's magic sprite?

"*I suppose you could* say it's almost an animal instinct, based on training. I rely on something I don't quite know it's true I used to be scared about thinking any further than that, about going deeper. I'd say 'It's an instinctive thing. I'd rather rely on it', which is good to a point, but there has to be more analysis than that. You couldn't expect a director, or your fellow actors, to trust you if you just say 'Leave it, it'll be all right, I'll do it by instinct', so even though it's still with me I had to learn how to channel it, and I can do that now."

Although the National has given Michael Feast some rich roles it didn't discover him. After the *Central School* he went to Leicester, and then the Manchester 69 company; then *Hair* and some television and films like *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*, a venture which disappointed, and *Private Road*, which pleased.

"I prefer stage work because I find it very difficult to maintain an energy level in films. But the director of *Private Road* helped me a lot. I *do* rely on that energy in performance—I can often reach things I haven't been able to in rehearsal. When there's an audience I feel a great release—in performance you are by yourself, and I can take over much more responsibility for what goes on."

Is that why he's less happy with films, because it always feels like a rehearsal?

"Yeah, that was my main problem in filming, to be able to get a sense of performance."

After the opening night of *The Tempest* he vanished for a few days, missing performances. Did this gain him a bad reputation and if so is he upset by it?

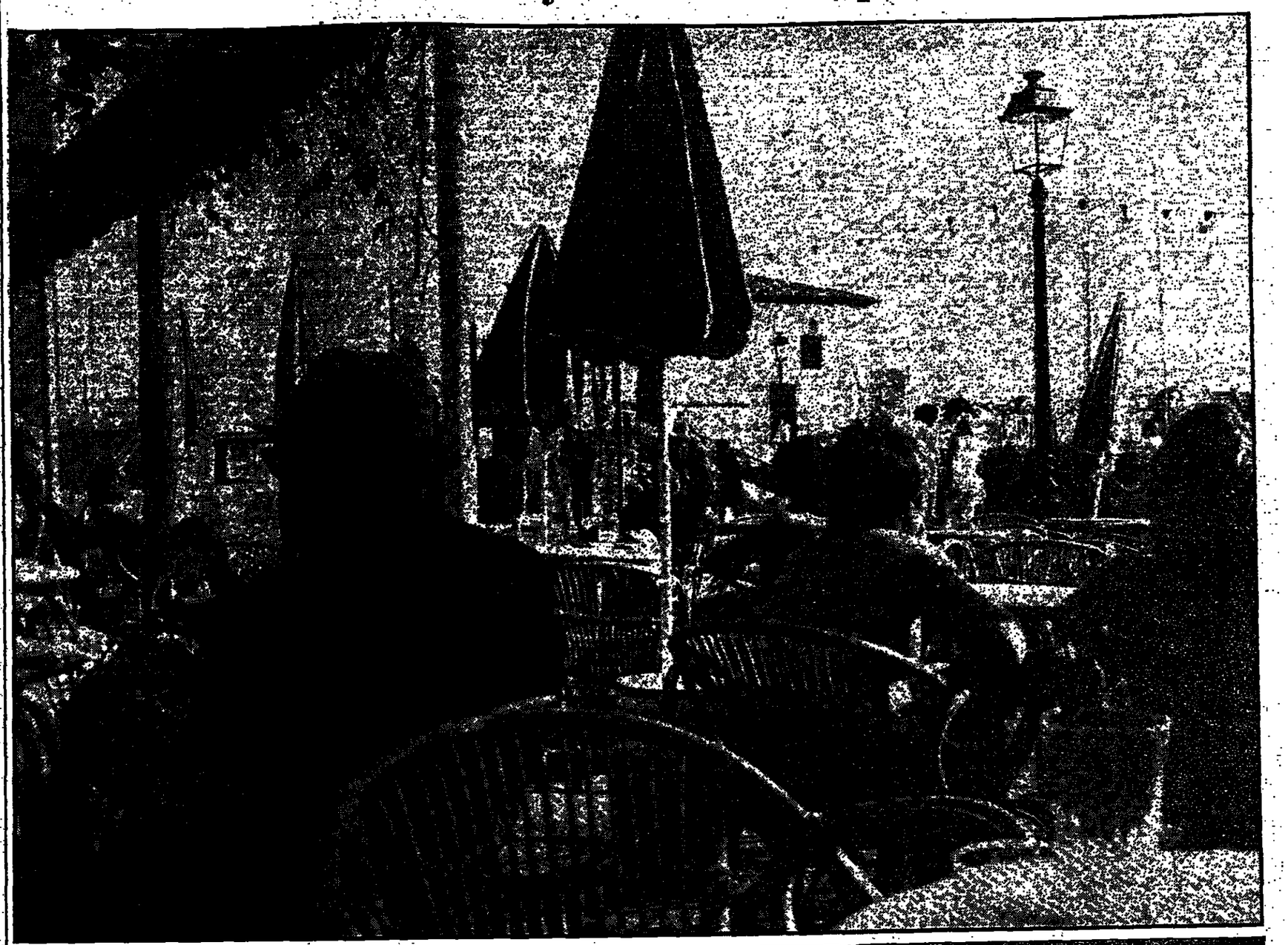
"I was having a bad time then—I'm still not able to be terribly coherent about what happened—there were so many tensions, some very enjoyable. After all it was the first big thing in London, Sir John, the Old Vic—all that—but next day I just couldn't do it. So I ran away and missed two or three performances. But everybody was incredibly good about it—I didn't deserve it. When we finished *The Tempest* I took on a hectic hard fringe theatre work which did me good, working and *performing a lot*. I feel I've exorcised all that, and I don't feel that would ever happen to me again. I think I've matured a great deal."

**Michael Leach**

Michael Feast: compelling quality of nervous strength.

Travel

# Look after yourself in St Tropez



Relaxing on the 'front' at Port Grimaud (top), an ideal spot for an apartment holiday, and above, a view of the carefully designed coastline

Two weeks ago I wrote of cruising at ease along the Canal du Midi towards the French Mediterranean coast, and mentioned that the people I met along the way were without exception charming and helpful. Their courtesy helped make the journey a memorable one, and their attitude was very much in my mind when I recalled a more recent trip to France—this time to part of the Riviera.

What a contrast in attitudes one finds there! Hard to believe that this is the same country and these are of the same nationality, these brusque and avaricious "natives". If it is true that tourism taints, then a classic example of that tainting is to be found in the resorts down there. (I happen to believe that it is the tourists' money that does the tainting, as well as the lust for it, but even so the cap fits.)

St Tropez is the example that springs first to mind. On the harbour front there we strolled from shop to shop, threading our way through racks of denim and cheesecloth garments whose prices were outrageously expensive—to make up, presumably, for their poor quality. Though "tourist menus" are available in the restaurants—and displayed prominently—a diversion from them and into the more exotic regions "à la carte" takes a deal of financial courage.

All this I am prepared to accept as the price to be paid—literally—for mingling with the self-styled smart set. If one travels to a place with a fashionable label, high prices are part of the scene, but one does expect to be taken for a ride in style. Not so in St Tropez, at least not in my experience. Surly inefficiency is all too often encountered. And contempt for the customers, as I learnt when I met the proprietor of a St Tropez night club. His establishment was packed solid with people who had paid around £3.50 a head entrance fee and were buying drinks at the same price—each. Or investing in a £47 bottle of whisky to see them through the evening. He was "laughing all the way to the bank"—and, he admitted, laughing mainly at people who were foolish enough to pay his kind of prices.

I mention all this, not in any hope that the situation will ever change, but as a preliminary to explaining how a tremendous number of British holidaymakers — especially families—are finding themselves able to afford and enjoy holidays on the French Riviera. On the face of it those I met and interviewed were far from wealthy, and most of them cheerfully admitted that the Riviera's price tags were well beyond their reach. But they were enjoying their holidays, and the key to it all lay in the fact that they had chosen to look after themselves to a large extent. And they had enough common sense to avoid the surly-staffed tourist traps.

Do that and you will certainly get a lot out of a Riviera holiday, like the people I met at the Colombier camp site near Frejus, about three miles from the sea. They had chosen a "ready made" camping holiday, arriving at the site to find the large frame tents erected and fully equipped ready for them to move in. They had no need to bring a single piece of equipment, though old hands at the game admitted they had packed some favourite gadgets to augment the equipment supplied.

Having brought car and family over the Channel, campers have the choice of driving themselves to the coast through France, or journeying to Frejus on the car-carrying train. The company organizing the holidays can make the necessary arrangements, including hotel reservations en route for those who choose to drive all the way.

The Colombier site is fairly typical of those you'll find in the region, having a restaurant, bar and swimming pool among its facilities. There is a well stocked shop on the site, whose *prices compared favourably* with the local supermarkets, and a takeaway meal service whose standard was remarkably high. The toilet blocks were spotlessly clean, the showers were hot and the self-service laundry was another facility. "Not a holiday for people who don't like brushing their teeth in public" admitted one British camper, there with his wife and their three children. "But otherwise it's exactly right for any family, I'd say."

As well as Colombier, I saw the site at Buget, also near Frejus, and about four miles from the sea. Smaller and newer, it was packed with a very lively crowd, including a *number of* teenagers who seemed content with the entertainment facilities on site (a bar with a juke box). Just below the hill town of Gassin, three miles inland on the less crowded side of the bay of Cavalaire is a site which should appeal to those who want to feel they can escape the seaside bustle and, for a change, head for the lakes and hills behind. But if you must be on a beach then the site at Cavalaire itself, a little more *than 300 yards* from the sea, would probably be your choice.

Families I met in the region were very happy with the holiday they had chosen, and I gather that the secret of self-catering is actually to do as little catering as possible. It takes no effort at all—especially when the task is shared—to produce coffee at breakfast to go with the croissants bought fresh *from the camp shop*, or put together a simple picnic lunch.

The evening meal is the gastronomic high spot of the day, and this is when the families eat out in modest restaurants in the coast resorts. St Raphael and Sainte Maxime were favoured locations.

But a tent *is a tent*, no matter how large and comfortable and well equipped it may be. For those who prefer to dwell inside solid walls, the alternative is an apartment holiday. Some of the most beautifully located apartments I have ever seen are to be found also in this region. At the remarkable resort of Port Grimaud, located between St Tropez and Ste Maxime.

About 10 years ago the marsh site was drained and Port Grimaud "Waterway City" was built there in an architectural style that faithfully copied that of Provencal villages such as Gassin, Grimaud, Gogolin or Ramatuelle. The idea behind it is to serve those who come with their own boats and rent or buy apartments and houses there. But a boat is not essential and Port Grimaud's apartments are used by "package" holidaymakers. I have stayed there myself and it is rather like living in the middle of a film set, so perfect are its proportions, so *artfully artless its* layout. There's a supermarket for apartment dwellers and prices there are higher than *general stores* outside Port Grimaud, so one is advised to motor to the nearest "real" town or village to shop. My impression of food prices is that they are more or less on a level with costs in Britain. It is only when one tries the more exotic offerings that prices go through the roof, but that brings me back to the "rip off" merchants of St Tropez, and I do not want to dwell on them.

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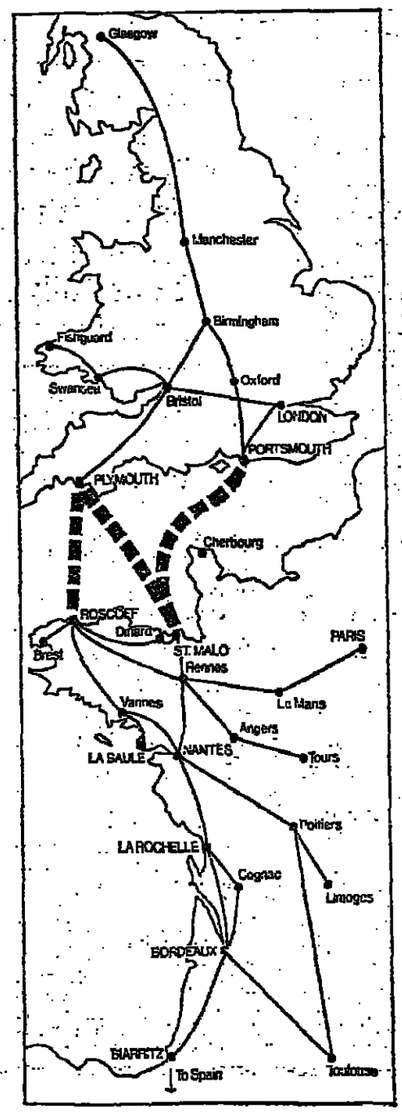


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# The Government is the dark horse in the race to save the newspaper industry

"At last, at last" was Fleet Street's reaction to the joint statement that followed long and numerous discussions between the managements of national newspaper companies and executives of all key unions—only Slade (Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers, Engravers and Process Workers) has stayed apart.

The statement—a joint industry submission to the Royal Commission on the Press—was worth waiting for. A detailed document, it spells out the combined determination of all to eliminate the sickness that has bedevilled an ailing industry. But it does a great deal more than that. It emphasizes the harmony which has been the prevailing atmosphere at these talks.

Duke Hussey, chief executive of Times Newspapers and the man who largely steered the discussions on behalf of the publishers, reckons to "have cleared Becher's Brook—first time round". That final phrase is significant. The joint statement must not be regarded either as a victory for anything but common sense or as an end of the affair. There are still many laps to go and many hurdles to clear, not the least of them being the implementation of all that has so far been agreed. Unless both publishers and unions hold their horses, this first round will have been just so much wasted time and energy. Unlike the Grand National, nobody is riding in competition. The object is merely to keep the race in being, this year, next year and every year; to keep alive as many of the runners as possible.

The presence at all the talks of a man from the TUC was significant. It is clear that the TUC is as anxious for a viable industry, even if it does involve some sacrifice of cushioning practices for redundant and other employees. It also means that the negotiating position, on both sides, is on a better defined and firmer base. It is significant, too, that Mirror Group Newspapers, though still not members of the Newspaper Publishers Association, which was party to the joint statement, joined in the discussions. The royal commission was kept in touch with regular reports and has now to put its own recommendations to Parliament round the end of this month or sooner. With luck, we shall hear something of the Government's attitude in early or mid-March.

The move towards eventually ridding the industry of a surfeit of casual labour is likely to be welcomed by all, except the casuals themselves. Equally sane, and perhaps so obvious that we should not have been as surprised as we were, is the proposal that those who opt for voluntary redundancy should leave the industry, not only their current employers. Journalists are naturally agreed to be exceptions to this and there may be others but, it is hoped, not many. Keeping manning at realistic levels, without automatic replacement to make nonsense of such a task as in the past, does at least allow managements to modernize without fear of losing present production or of undermining future return on investment. The non-dissipation of savings effected by greater efficiency is another of those proposals which, sanity indicates, would sit naturally in any such agreement—but unofficial stoppages have too long been weapons of this industry, where savings can be dissipated so rapidly. It will need considerable union discipline to ensure that this weapon is scrapped. The joy is that union leaders intend to see that discipline exerted this time.

The next stage is the tricky one. Speed is imperative if employers are to carry on their house negotiations and plans for new technology and cost savings. Yet speed could wreck the prevailing harmony. For those who, like the Mirror Group and the *Financial Times*, have already committed themselves to modernization, the national talks have been problematic, putting into limbo localized discussions and causing a major hiccup in investment projects. Even now, while there is some freedom to manoeuvre, no management can go too far without knowing what emerges from the next round and whether demarcation will be tackled as intelligently as other issues to date. The TUC's record on demarcation is good and that must help.

That demarcations must be blurred is evident, since computerized equipment replaces the need for many manual operations and even skills. In this area, union leaders recognize—even admit to—the need for a future without demarcation or for one federated production union (a dream? perhaps not if one recalls that there were no fewer than 17 different print unions in 1945).

Optimists would see a three-year return on their expensive investment once modern technology gets going and there is some ground for optimism in the present climate, despite current stoppages. The clouds are still there, however, in the costs of raw materials, and manning is not the only cost area. Newsprint prices have doubled in a little over three years and become, on a typical newspaper, something like 31 per cent instead of 27 per cent of costs. With most of the stuff imported and sterling anything but strong, rises must still be on the way. Other overheads—the obvious rent, rates, energy, travelling and telephone expenses being only a few—affect newspaper production rather more than many an industry which can be less profligate of space and services.

There are other hazards ahead and I find myself less bullish about these than those who compiled the profile on the press for the stockbrokers Phillips and Drew. So far, resistance to price increases has been weak, especially in the case of serious newspapers which have also lost rather less in advertising revenue than they had feared. But there are too many calls on the pocket for such resistance to remain weak and circulations must continue to fall as readers decide to do with fewer newspapers and magazines—sales of the latter are still falling.

The drop in magazine sales is relevant to newspapers which depend so much on the retail newsagent's health. Although the cash margin on a higher price offsets some lost custom, small retailers are, nevertheless, finding themselves under pressure and many newsagents fear that publishers may try to protect their positions by seeking other outlets. As a result, retailers defend themselves by diversifying into other merchandise which robs the printed matter of counter display space. Perhaps the NPA's next task, after sorting out current talks, might be to explore some kind of inter-trade consultation? Current projects to control shop hours could hit newsagents (open early, late and on Sundays) and dent newspaper sales unless newspapers are deemed to be a public service and exempt from such controls.

However, advertising revenue is likely to improve during 1976-77 if historical cycles of saving and spending by manufacturers and retailers are any guide. If profits take three years to erupt as managements would like, at least there is some promise of adequate cash flow for the majority—the names of the vulnerable have been too often quoted for it to be kind to repeat them yet again.

The dark horse, if we keep the Grand National theme, is the Government and its willingness or otherwise to help newspapers. There is, obviously, no love between the industry and Government. Further, it could be hard for any government to stomach the thought that the greatest help with pensions and the like might be required by those very concerns which have been both inefficient and ungenerous in the past, while those who ran their businesses better will be penalized to some degree. Since the bigger beneficiaries could well be Tory organs, an objective government decision is likely to draw some angry howls but these will presumably have to be borne bravely.

**Sheila Black**

## Sportsview

# Why grass is greener on the golf course

Peter Thomson: compensations.

The fastest growing "sport" in Australia is the former Test cricketer, Peter Burge; that, anyway, is what Australians say, as he gains ground on Colin Milburn in the race to the 25 stone mark. Golf, likewise, is rapidly expanding, in a land which has as favourable a climate for it as any in the world. Hardly is the kookaburra down from his perch, soon after five o'clock in the morning when the golfers are joining him on the fairways.

No one has had more to do with this golfing boom, both directly and indirectly, than Peter Thomson, who has played the game, and looked while playing it, as all of us would like to. At 46 he remains an uncompromisingly athletic figure. I went to see him the other day at his home in Melbourne. The Thomson's house guests were the Benauds, Richie being in Melbourne for the last Test match between Australia and West Indies which had finished that morning. It is fair, I think, to say that over the past 20 years Benaud had been to Australian cricket what Thomson has been to Australian golf.

The wives were by the swimming pool; Thomson's two daughters joined them when they got back from school. Richie was playing golf with Ian Chappell, on one of Melbourne's many courses. On another of them, Thomson, now president of the Australian Professional Golfers's Association, had just returned a 79 in the first round of the Victorian Open. Having played very little since last October he was short of practice. After getting home he had taken to his typewriter and written an article for the *Melbourne Age* in which, as it were, he had gone round in 69. It was all about Billy Dunk, who had partnered Thomson and would be one of his team of 10 Australian professionals he would love to see tackle the British Isles in the years between the Ryder Cup.

Once upon a time Thomson dreamed a dream: he would make Australia a part of a world-wide golfing curruit, with the game's best players spending a few weeks there at the end of each American season before going on to the Far East. That is not a possibility any more. Instead, four different zones have gone their separate ways: America; Britain; Europe and South Africa; the Far East; and Australia and New Zealand. In the hope of attracting the game's great names, though, this year's Australian Open Championship will become one of the most valuable tournaments in the world. On the understanding that it is staged, at least until 1978, in Sydney, it is to be backed annually to the tune of £65,000. The sponsor's father, newspaper-man Sir Frank Packer, was the man behind Australia's challenge for the America's Cup in 1962; his son has been bitten instead by the golfing bug.

When Thomson first played professional golf only a couple of tournaments in Australia were worth anything much to the winner. In 1976/77 the prize money on the Australian circuit will be £500,000. Thomson is understandably pleased about this, as he is about the standard of golf among the young players, amateur and professional, and the fact that in Australia the big ball is unlikely, imminently at any rate, to take the place of the smaller one.

Thomson's own way of life must have its compensations too. Several months of the year are spent in Asia, designing courses; if he wants a day at sea, he has a power boat of his own or friends who can get him into a marlin more than twice the size of his golf bag, if he cares to join them. If he crosses the Pacific without stopping for a game of golf in Fiji he disappoints the Prime Minister of those lovely islands, who happens also to be their best golfer. Five times winner of the British Open, Peter Thomson uses his fame to bring profit and pleasure to others as well as himself.

Benaud's game with Chappell would have been at least as seriously contested as Thomson's with Dunk. Benaud's philosophy is that if a thing is worth doing it is worth doing well. He likes winning. Even more, he likes setting out to win. His travelling golf bag contains every aid in the game, as well, of course, as a copy of the rules. In the present Australian cricket team there is a strong golfing contingent. In England, when they are here, they spend all the time they can at Denham, tending, some of them, to swing the club like assistant professionals, and yet to play, quite shamelessly, off a handicap of ten.

The time has gone when England could have taken on all other cricket sides, at golf, and beaten them. In 1950/51, in Australia, half a dozen of the MCC side must have had single figure handicaps; of the 1958/59 party, Dexter (the best cricketing golfer there ever was), Graveney, Milton, Cowdrey and Barrington all play now off a mark of five or better.

Golf is not a game that Indians play much, or Pakistanis. The South African sides that I have known have not been especially enthusiastic golfers. New Zealanders would be afraid, I expect, that it would interfere with their cricket, unlike Sobers who used to worry that his cricket might harm his golf. I have seen Sobers hardly able to get up to bowl, because of a troublesome knee, on the third day of a Test match, yet go galloping round a golf course on the rest day, never for fewer than 36 holes. Sobers, today, is Barbados's best amateur golfer. He would practise golf when he was an active cricketer, but never cricket if he could help it.

Which brings me back to Thomson. To him the reluctance of cricketers to practise cricket has always been surprising. To Boycott it is irritating. Because it takes two to practise cricket, and only one to practise golf, Boycott told me once that he would prefer to have been a professional golfer—a case of the grass at Ganton, or St Andrews, looking greener than at Headingley or Lord's.

**John Woodcock**

## The urgent need to save the cultural legacy of Moenjodaro

# A crumbling heritage now faces disintegration

What has come to be recognized by archaeologists the world over as "the most striking monuments of the dawn of civilization", the vast ruins of Moenjodaro in Pakistan, are perilously close to complete disintegration. The ruins of Indus Valley civilization which flourished between 2500 and 1500 BC may crumble beyond repairs and recognition in the next 25 years if the massive international support urgently needed to preserve the cultural heritage of mankind and for which Unesco made an appeal in 1975, is not forthcoming soon enough.

The Mound of Dead as Moenjodaro is described sometimes, was first excavated by Sir John Marshall in 1921-22. The ruins extend over 700 hectares on the right bank of the river Indus in the province of Sind, 240 miles north of Karachi and easily accessible by road, train and air. Since the first discovery of the remains of Moenjodaro, large scale excavations conducted over the area have revealed an amazing story of the life and customs of the people who inhabited this city some 5000 years ago. The variety of relics unearthed there and the monuments give credence to the assertion that the people who built up the great Indus Valley civilization possessed unparalleled and unique creative intelligence, initiative and perseverance.

It is not established what caused the obliteration of this great civilization which lay across the ancient migration routes from central and western Asia to the Indian subcontinent. But the evidence shows that floods and rising water had plagued Moenjodaro even then as they do today.

The excavations at Moenjodaro show that the city falls into two distinct parts; the lower and the upper. The lower city comprises the extensive remains of what were once the residential quarters. The upper part is an oblong mound towards the western outskirts and consisted of a great bath, a college of priests, a pillared hall and the Buddhist stupa rising about 72 feet above the surrounding area. The stupa is stated to be a second century AD addition. The wide straight roads dividing and subdividing the city into blocks, well-planned two and three storey houses and the underground drainage can still be regarded as a model for present-day town-planners. There are also the remains of what the British archaeologist, Sir Mortimer Wheeler, suggested was a great granary and indicating there was a barter system for the exchange of commodities and which might have been used as a kind of state treasury. Experts believe that the inhabitants lived largely by agriculture but they also had trade contacts with the people as far away as Northern Afghanistan and Mesopotamia. Burnt bricks have been used in building structures.

Among the artefacts recovered in Moenjodaro are painted earthenwares with floral designs, children's toys made of baked clay including humped bulls with movable heads and a bullock cart which is remarkably like the carts being used in the interior of Sind even today. Pieces of faience, terracotta, agate and steatite indicate that the people used to play some game like chess. They also played dice long before the game reached Europe. Figurines which have been unearthed, show a passion for jewellery.

Seals and some other articles with pictographic writing have also been discovered. Some of the symbols of the Indus writing are easy to decipher. They are short or long vertical strokes numbering from one to 12. But so far no long inscriptions have been found and no "Rosetta Stone" discovered which could help to decipher the Indus script.

In an effort to clarify and read the Indus writing, several attempts have been made to collect the inscriptions, arrange them in some order, determine the number of symbols, specify the beginning and end signs and follow the definite form of the symbols as they undergo changes.

Excavations at the prehistoric site at Moenjodaro showing the great Stupa.

A team of Soviet scientists has tried to read the Indus writing on the basis of Dravadian language. The latest work on this has been done by Asko Parpola and his colleagues from Finland at the Scandinavian Institute of Asian studies in Copenhagen, by bringing together in one place the entire material suitably arranged with the help of a computer. Short inscriptions engraved mainly on seals, sealings and bronze tablets depict animal figures such as bull, unicorn, tiger, elephants, etc. The seals carry the negative of the inscriptions and it is their impression which gives the positive reading.

The ruins of Monejodaro remained in an excellent state of preservation so long as they lay buried beneath the accumulations of thousands of years. But as soon as they were exposed from oblivion they began suffering rapidly from the twin menace of water-logging and salinity caused by modern irrigation systems. Pakistan has been using mud-capping and washing with salt-free water as the means to slow decay, but the threat calls for drastic and radical measures to avert danger to the very existence of one of the cultural legacies of the human race.

It was this impending tragedy which impelled the Pakistan Government in 1960 to solicit the Unesco assistance for the preservation of Moenjodaro. A number of studies have been made by foreign and Pakistani archaeological experts to save the ruins. Finally in 1972 a panel of Unesco and Pakistani experts drew up a master plan which, if implemented, could ensure a reasonable state of preservation of Moenjodaro. The plan was commended by Unesco with an appeal to member nations to make generous voluntary contribution of money, equipment and services. The Unesco director-general, Rene Maheu, underscored the need to preserve Moenjodaro by describing it as "a question of conscience".

The master plan proposes a phased 7-year programme. In the first instance, it aims at controlling ground water in the area by constructing slanting barriers in the river to deflect its current and turn it away from the site, and a ring of about 45 tubewells around the excavated area to lower the water table. At present, the water table varies seasonally from 1.5 metres to 3.9 metres below the surface. Through capillary action water also rises about 2.4 metres above the acqueous layer and introduces salts into the bricks. It is considered necessary to keep the water level to a depth of 65 feet below the surface to save the monuments and to do further digging for more Indus treasures.

Three years ago the entire project was estimated to cost about $13m, including more than $3.3m in foreign exchange. The present cost is however, expected to rise to $21m because of inflation. For the first phase of the master plan estimated originally to cost $7.5m, the Unesco Director-General appealed to member states for contributions of $5m last year. But the appeal has met so far with a dismal response. Only the West Germans have donated $377,000 and a few smaller states have contributed a total of about $23,000.

The Authority for Preservation of Moenjodaro set up by the Government of Pakistan about four years ago, is apparently getting desperate over this international apathy. There is a lurking suspicion that the western countries are withholding financial and other assistance as a mark of their annoyance over Pakistan's political support to the move in Unesco to oust Israel. Except for a promise of $100,000 by the Shah of Iran, no other Muslim state of the oil-rich Middle East has made any offer of help. Pakistan has lately urged Unesco to make a fresh bid to induce the affluent western countries to make donations without which the City of Dead may never be resurrected.

**Hasan Akhtar**

# Gibbon's Latin lessons for the modern world

We have come to the bicentenary not only of the American Declaration of Independence and Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*, but also of Edward Gibbon's *History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, of which the first quarto volume was published in February, 1776. The original impression was only 500 copies, but the printer Strahan boldly opted for twice that figure. Two and then three impressions were sold out quickly, "and the bookseller's property was twice invaded by the pirates of Dublin". Gibbon remarked that the book "may, perhaps, a hundred years hence, still continue to be abused". Now, when twice that duration of time has passed, it is still abused and praised and, even, if only in abridged versions, read. For one thing, rotund though its style unashamedly is, the *Decline and Fall* still retains that all too rare quality of readability: Gibbon's irony has caused him to be described as the most amusing historian who has ever lived, with the possible exception of Herodotus. Besides, although inevitably overtaken at many points by subsequent research, the work is filled with judgments that still seem remarkably incisive. Its overall plan, however, is more disquieting. Starting (like one of his models, the *Annals* of Tacitus) with a retrospect of Augustus, it carries right on as far as the fall of Constantinople to the Ottoman Turks in 1453. But this was a second thought, and much the better portion of the book, historically speaking, is its more detailed first part, going down to the fall of the western Roman empire in 476.

This gives us another anniversary: it was just 1,500 years ago that the last western emperor, the young Romulus Augustus, contemptuously known as Augustulus, was compelled, after a skirmish in the woods outside his capital Ravenna, to abdicate into comfortable retirement. Modern scholars deplore excessive attention to this somewhat anticlimactic event, regarding other dates in the period as more important. Yet it remains a valid landmark. After all, from that year onwards there were no more rulers of the Roman west in Italy, for the first time since the beginning of our era.

During the century before 476 there had been a spectacular collapse of the imperial western power. Gibbon, ignoring whatever benefits the successor states may have conferred upon the world, called this phenomenon, with some justice, "the greatest, perhaps, and most awful scene in the history of mankind". And he therefore addressed himself to analysing its background.

But he did so in a disconcerting fashion. For although the immense sweep of his work established, in the words of Lytton Strachey, "the miracle of order over the chaos of a thousand years", Gibbon does not ever tell us why the empire fell. Or rather, he tells us too often—and in varying terms. He piles on no fewer than two dozen quite different reasons why the fall occurred, introducing them one after another, in many separate passages which he never makes any attempt to knit together. Roughly speaking, these numerous, divergent explanations fall into two categories. One of them comprised the impersonal causes Gibbon had learnt from Montesquieu—including his famous assaults on "barbarism and Christianity", and the statement that "the stupendous fabric yielded to the pressure of its own weight". But we also find the personal "causes" which his own biographical tastes caused him to favour, consisting of attacks on individual emperors; and indeed he blames no fewer than six of them in turn for the ultimate disaster, describing each of them, one after another, as principally responsible for Rome's downfall, and going back five hundred years in the process.

> The fall of the Roman empire was 'a revolution which will ever be remembered and is still felt by the nations of the earth ... and may be usefully applied to the instruction of the present age'

All these causes (as well as many others he does not mention) have been argued over by modern students again and again, and Gibbon has been censured not only for each of his suggestions severally but also for their undigested multiplicity. Yet his belief that the empire fell for a variety of reasons is plausible enough, because such a vast happening is unlikely to have been due to some single, simple cause; though it is annoying, from our point of view, that he never tried to summarize his various proposals in any one place.

Nevertheless, he believed that they carried valuable messages for his future generations. "This is a revolution", he declares, "which will ever be remembered and is still felt by the nations of the earth": "this awful revolution may be usefully applied to the instruction of the present age." We, nowadays, are sometimes inclined to be sceptical about lessons and warnings supposedly provided by the past, which never quite repeats itself. And yet obviously, if interpreted with patience, history can yield applicable lessons and warnings, just as any individual learns, or ought to learn, from the personal experiences he has had in his own life; and in this particular case, as our own civilization cracks ominously at the seams, it would be strange indeed if we found nothing to learn from this most monumental of past collapses, the downfall of ancient Rome.

So it is frustrating to find that Gibbon supplies us with such a wide range of causes to choose from. But what is strangest of all, after his assurance that the *Decline and Fall* has "instruction" to offer us, is to find him concluding that, after all, there is no danger of his own contemporaries going the same way. "The Balance of Power", he pronounced, "will continue to fluctuate, and the prosperity of our own or the neighbouring kingdoms may be alternately exalted or depressed; but these partial events cannot essentially injure our general state of happiness, the system of arts and laws and manners, which so advantageously distinguish, above the rest of Mankind, the Europeans and their colonies". A breakdown from outside, he argued, seemed highly unlikely, and a breakdown from within was out of the question.

Gibbon, whose *History* often reacts sensitively to the contemporary scene around him, was expressing these complacent sentiments before the American and French Revolutions had broken out. If he had written today, I believe that the principal "instruction" for our modern selves which he would have found in the later Roman empire would have been its *disunity*. For whereas that empire had duly repelled its invaders in the third century AD, it failed to repel them in the fifth, because its internal disunities between group and group, and between class and class, had passed beyond the point of tolerable proportions into a phase of perpetually deteriorating internal conflicts, which undermined the entire structure. Benjamin Franklin, at the Declaration of Independence, recognized that this was America's problem too. "Yes", he declared, "we must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately". To some extent, the United States has never fully solved this ancient Roman problem: but Britain suffers from it more damagingly still. "We cannot, any longer", it was said at one of our recent elections, "afford the luxury of tearing ourselves apart". Which was what ancient Rome did.

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# The strength and sacrifice of the political 'resigner'

**George Hutchinson**

Nothing so becomes a politician as the willingness—the spirit, the integrity—to resign office on grounds of principle. The capacity to put personal interest aside over an issue of public policy, throwing fortune to the winds, is greatly to be admired. Some who have done so were able to recover later on—Anthony Eden (resigned as Foreign Secretary 1938, Prime Minister 1955), Harold Wilson (resigned as President of the Board of Trade 1951, Prime Minister 1964). Others have been lost, or effectively so—Sir Oswald Mosley, Anthony Nutting, George Brown.

In all they number about 70 in the present century, some more important, some less. Whether or not you agree with their reasons for resignation, they represent a political elite, set apart by independence of mind, free will and courage—and this is especially true, perhaps, of those who were never again to prosper (except in reputation).

I was thinking about Anthony Nutting the other day—and not for the first time since his resignation over Suez, 20 years ago this autumn. The world was at his feet. He was 36 years of age, and Minister of State at the Foreign Office. He had been an MP since he was 25. He was the best known and best liked of the younger lions in the Tory Party—gifted, personable, rich (and thereby free), an established if youthful figure in the prevailing hierarchy, already a Privy Councillor.

In my own estimation—and this is not a casual thought—he might today be the leader of the Conservative Party but for his brave decision over Suez, an issue that divided the nation, cutting across party allegiance, splitting families and wrecking that cohesion and cooperation for which Anthony Eden had worked all his previous life. Suez was a tragedy for us all.

By doing what he did, Sir Anthony Eden threw away or at least diminished a great reputation. What he did, however, he did from principle and conviction. Right or wrong, he acted from a sense of personal duty and responsibility. As for Anthony Nutting, he too was moved by similar considerations, which he interpreted differently.

In the long interval since Suez, the Tory Party has not been generous towards Sir Anthony Nutting (as he now is), and some of us think less well of it for that. For my part, I would wish to salute him afresh as the dreadful anniversary draws near. In Anthony Nutting the Conservatives have probably succeeded in losing the best hope of a generation.

But we find it again and again in all political parties: some of the best go to the wall through resignation while mediocrities survive. Others live on in public life, not always by virtue of office regained but from individual strength. Of these, the most notable today is Mr Enoch Powell. With Peter Thorneycroft and Nigel Birch, his fellow ministers at the Treasury, he resigned from the Macmillan government in 1958 over what they considered the Prime Minister's inflationary policies, thus producing "the little local difficulty" that Mr Macmillan spoke of.

Then in 1963, accompanied by Iain Macleod he refused to serve in the Douglas-Home administration. Mr Powell is, so to speak, a "resigner" by nature: yet he remains a powerful political force.

Others, like Anthony Nutting, are now withdrawn from parliamentary life—John Freeman, Frank Cousins, Ray Gunter. We can still salute them. They had the courage of their convictions. That is as good a compliment as you can pay to anyone.

☐ Within the swollen and still swelling budget of the Greater London Council, a sum of £10,000 may be called small beer. But in any consideration of the purpose—the object—is no less important than the amount.

This particular amount is what the GLC, Labour-controlled, has decided to spend on commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the General Strike, which falls in May. The General Strike of 1926 was, of course, a great political event, and is worth commemorating, as it will be in innumerable articles and broadcasts in coming months. But is it a proper subject for public subvention?

The answer must surely be no—except to Labour zealots. The ratepayers of London, on whom the GLC depends, are being asked—indeed they are required—to subsidize a propaganda exercise on behalf of the Labour Party.

But perhaps they are also intending to mark and celebrate the contribution of special constables and other auxiliaries who went to the government's aid. I rather doubt it, though.

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# SIGNS OF MOVEMENT

That Mr Ian Smith should tell his Parliament that new circumstances call for new tactics is no doubt encouraging. So far all we know is that Mr Smith is taking as though Britain was making an offer to assist in the negotiations with Mr Nkomo which he will magnanimously examine to see if it is "a constructive and realistic effort", while Mr Callaghan retorts that the feelers first came from Mr Smith himself. Mr Smith has always been adept at provoking inquiries which he then announces as an approach that takes him by surprise but that it is his duty to consider. His statement, and Mr Callaghan's comments, reveal the extent of his distrust which ten years of recrimination has built up between the British Government and the illegal regime.

Mr Callaghan recently took counsel on the position with Mr Nkomo himself and representatives from Zambia and Zaire, and he sent an official to southern Africa—Pretoria it seems not Salisbury. This is proper interest, for in the event of a debacle as yet hardly imaginable, Britain will have far-reaching responsibilities towards British subjects who suffer in it.

It seems obvious from London that the problem lies in the unwillingness of Mr Smith and the Rhodesia Front party to accept majority rule and a timetable which would enable Mr Nkomo to become the African liberator rather than one of the militants now preparing for large-scale guerrilla war. If Mr Smith basically saw matters that way it would not be necessary for him to solicit British involvement at this stage. He could do the deal that would endow Mr Nkomo with the needful authority to say that African aspirations had been met.

Certainly the days of Tiger, Fearless and Lord Goodman's mediation are over. It is hard to think Mr Smith is trying to recall opportunities he then cast away. He may be angling for some sort of British guarantee that, if he does accept early majority rule, White Rhodesian wealth and privileges will be guaranteed by British bayonets or the British taxpayer. Mr Bashford's call for a ten-year guarantee of European interests under Black rule shows that this is the goal many Rhodesians prefer to fighting in the last ditch, but it is now too late in the game for such blanket arrangements.

Mr Wilson has made clear that Britain has no intention of defending the illegal regime against the majority. The only circumstances in which Britain would—or rather would have to—defend Rhodesia from an invasion would be if the Rhodesia Front unconditionally surrendered the government to the British Parliament in full knowledge that Britain's first steps would be to find a majority government to exercise power, with a constitutional conference on independence to follow promptly.

It is Britain's duty to make clear the options before those who are in power in Rhodesia. So far Mr Callaghan has merely called for flexibility. He should not let himself be lured into the trap of thinking he is being put in a position to arrange majority rule and a final settlement. Mr Smith is quite flexible enough to enter into a new set of negotiations that will fail like all the rest—with the simple object of gaining time. Time for what? Time for the situation to change once more in his favour—for the South Africans to send troops, for Britain to be compromised, for the Russian and Cuban involvement to become so serious that the West is somehow drawn in: anything, at any cost, to keep the Rhodesian Front in power and the privileges of 270,000 whites intact.

If the White Rhodesians are determined to invite destruction Britain can do nothing to save them. Mr Wilson has echoed President Kaunda's talk of a possible bloodbath. If that happens, Britain's responsibility will be to succour the innocent, to give asylum to the threatened, to receive its own passport holders, to undertake resettlement and reconstruction. But there are still ways to be found and there is still time to avoid these extremes. The question is and has to be tested whether Mr Smith and his party bosses are ready to make a "sincere and realistic"—and one might add penitent—effort to act at the eleventh hour.

# PEKING'S FAVOURITE PRESIDENT

The action of the Chinese in sending an aircraft to California to carry Mr Richard Nixon off to Peking may not have broken the rules of protocol, but it certainly transgresses accepted international custom. So soon after the official visit to Peking of President Ford the Chinese are honouring the man displaced and also discredited as president. They may lightly choose to disregard the history of Watergate but they will now be learning that their invitation to Mr Nixon to revisit China on the fourth anniversary of his undoubtedly dramatic and fruitful visit in 1972 has evoked pained criticism from very varied political quarters in the United States.

The Chinese will have no difficulty in ignoring such criticism. They have been disappointed, particularly in the past two years, at the slow progress in the "normalization" of their relations with the United States and they attribute this partly to Dr Kissinger and partly to President Ford's electoral concerns. Had Mr Nixon survived in office they are sure that all would have been well. It was he who signed the Shanghai communiqué and it was his respect for China that they valued. His visit following so closely on President Ford's is precisely intended as a mark of Chinese displeasure at Washington's current policy.

As Mr Chou En-lai probably first conceived it the Chinese aim is to bring about a tripartite link between themselves, the United States and Japan in firm resistance to the Soviet Union. Chinese allegations of an intended Soviet hegemony in Asia arose when Mr Brezhnev launched his idea of a security pact. In the Shanghai communiqué signed with Mr Nixon in 1972 the signatories agreed to resist the hegemony of any one power in the region.

Since that time the Chinese have made opposition to hegemony a cardinal point in any good will treaties such as the one the Japanese have been negotiating in Peking for more than a year past. The Russians tell the Japanese that they regard such a clause as directed against themselves. For that reason the Japanese have tried to avoid including any such clause but the Chinese have been adamant. Mr Gromyko in turn told the Japanese in January that acceptance of the Chinese demand would be taken as a serious setback in their friendly relations with Japan.

The American case is different. Their interests are global and their relations with the Soviet Union are not in the same class as Japan's. It can now be seen—from Peking at least—that much as he enjoyed his visits to the Chinese capital and found in the late Mr Chou En-lai the most agreeable of statesmen, relations with China are, in the last resort, of much less importance than those with Moscow. Chinese power and influence in the world is of far less consequence than is Moscow's. Normalization of relations with China is thus secondary; there need be no hurry to withdraw recognition from Taiwan when President Ford's electoral chances are at stake.

By contrast the Chinese think that Mr Nixon belongs among those Americans who look across the Pacific and see the Far East as an area of first importance rather than looking across the Atlantic towards Europe. Mr Nixon has shown himself ready to stand up to the Russians and would not let his China policy be diverted by anxieties expressed in Moscow. In short he is Peking's man and President Ford is not, and that is the message.

# A BRICK IS A ROSE IS A PRIMROSE

A word of sympathy for the Tate, which has been left looking ridiculous with its bricks kit. (Its persecutors in the press have been made ridiculous, too—though not of course made to *look* ridiculous—by pouncing with simultaneous alertness on a public occurrence of three years ago. Anyway, the Dadaists anticipated all this. Did not their manifesto say that any work of art which can be understood is the product of a journalist?)

The Tate is two sorts of gallery. It has and enhances the best public collection of the historical English schools of painting. That side of its character makes it a suitable place at which to celebrate Constable's gentle genius. It is also the nearest thing we have to a Museum of Modern Art, and charity should preclude mockery of those whose task it is to fill such a museum today. For there is now added to the standing uncertainty about acquisition—is this a good example of the art or the artist's work or the style, is it one worth having?—the further more radical uncertainty: is the class of objects of which this is a member to be considered in art form at all?

The field occupied by all those painters, sculptors, assemblers, critics and dealers, who regard themselves as engaged in modern art exhibits plenty of vitality, innovation and technical brilliance. It reverberates with the clash of theories, and groans with the effort of expositors reaching for the illuminating metaphor. It *is* streaked with inflated and neglected reputations. Its air is made sweet by the perfume of guineas. It possesses, in short, all the traditional characteristics of the art world, except one. It is devoid of recognizable canons of taste and judgment, even concerning the boundaries of the subject-matter of art itself.

Is a museum of modern art to impose canons of its own in the absence of publicly recognized canons, or is it to reflect the prevailing chaos? Surely it must do the latter (with the proviso that it is as discriminating as it knows how to be in its dealing with chaos—if such a notion is not absurd). It is not there simply to pick and preserve works which time will classify as masterpieces or, to lower the sights a bit, as not trash. If it can do that so much the better. But it cannot neglect the duty to assemble a collection which is truly representative of the better end of what each new period professes to be art. That is a function just as useful for contemporaries and for posterity as the picking of winners. (The British Museum Library would be a poorer place if it consisted only of Great Books.) But such eclecticism guarantees that in a period like this the collection will come to include a fair proportion of stumers.

Against the accusation that the Tate has taken itself for a ride in the matter of Mr Carl André's brick sculpture the "Originality never receives recognition" riposte is useless. Mr Tom Wolfe in his polemic about the New York art world names it the Turbulence Theorem: "If a work of art or a new style disturbed you, it was probably good work. If you *hated* it, it was *probably great*." Nor does Sir Norman Reid's reliance on Wordsworth's primrose really get the Tate off the hook, close as they all may be to the river's brim. The best reply is the most ingenious: Yes, we like to get the occasional dud. The state of modern art being what it is, we would be failing in our duty if we didn't.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Devolution and Scottish independence

*From Sir Andrew Gilchrist*

Sir, When North Sea oil was discovered off the Scottish coasts, neither of the main political parties made any serious attempt to convince the Scottish people that the, or rather *their*, government in West minster intended to ensure that the economically underprivileged people of Scotland would find in North Sea oil some measure of compensation and progress. Only a couple of years later, in the middle seventies, both political parties saw the SNP snatch the obvious oil slogan with both hands, and their reaction was to join in a competitive and Gadarene rush for devolution. Whereas in the past century Lord Randolph Churchill played the Orange card in support of the Union, now both English political parties are playing the tartan card in support of breaking it up.

Bearing in mind this sequence of events, I resent being lectured at this stage by Mr Peter Tapsell, MP. What a "shrewd" race the Scots are, he says; we should be brought "face to face" with economic realities "in the clearest and starkest way" (Article, February 13).

Whether Scotland will be worse off or better off economically when independent I am not concerned to argue, for it is not in any way a decisive factor. At Bannockburn Robert Bruce did not say to his army: "Beat this Edward chap and you'll all have more pounds in your pockets." No: all he said was: "Whae will be a traitor knave?". So it pains me to hear Englishmen laboriously proving with rod and line that the Scots will be much poorer on their own, that really they are incapable of self-government.

If anything could convert me to the Scottish National Party, this condescending line of talk in England would do it, partly because it is in many respects untrue, and partly because it shows a great lack of political sophistication for people to use logical arguments against emotional ones. I am not in favour of the SNP, let me be plain about that. I have served what was once the British Empire in peace and in war, I am not ashamed of having done so, and I see no reason for wishing to abandon the Union which did so much good for ourselves and for the world. But at the same time there is no doubt in my mind over the ultimate result of present trends. We are going to be independent whether we like it or not.

The search for a half-way house makes no progress. The invention of half-a-dozen unwilling and unhistorical English regions to contain and hobble Scotland has been abandoned as quickly as its author has been promoted. The only real European parallel to England/Scotland is Italy/Sicily, where almost exactly comparable units in point of size and of separate tradition have been fitted into a political harness which more or less works. But the word Sicily (unless I am greatly mistaken) does not appear in Kilbrandon's index, and I fear it is too late to examine the Sicilian arrangement now.

As I see it, from the moment an elected Scottish Assembly meets, the history of Scotland will be the history of that Assembly's struggle for power.

In 1789, France had been without a Parliament for 250 years. The experiment of summoning the States-General was regarded as a very dangerous one; indeed it was supported by the French establishment only because they believed it was a popular idea, one they had better string along with. But because it was a dangerous proposal, the government tried hard to tie it down in advance with a technique just like the current British White Paper, so that when the Assembly met it could have no real power, no real Prime Minister, no real budget, being intended to act only as an advisory body on the very fringes of government. Well, we all know what happened.

If the Scottish Assembly, which has also been in abeyance for about 250 years, chooses to imitate the French Assembly and to burst its White Paper bands, it will find itself provided with a powerful weapon, unknown to Mirabeau and Robespierre, for enforcing its will in a way which enables it to apply duress without actually resorting to force, thus placing on *others* the responsibility for using force against it, a somewhat Icelandic device in fact.

What I am referring to is the Assembly's authority over planning permission, the field of action in which the Shetland Island Council has so effectively asserted itself. To show what I mean, let us suppose that the Scottish Assembly has to decide on a planning application by (say) Shell for a huge new harbour and oil-related complex on the Moray Firth. Suppose the Scottish Prime Minister or Chief Executive decides to put the screws on Westminster by way of paragraph 132 of the White Paper. He can do no better than use the elegant language in which Shetland threw down the gauntlet to Shell, changing only a couple of words:

"At present no commitments have been made to these proposals in the way of planning permissions. The main reason is that for a period of two years, this Assembly has been endeavouring to place itself in a position which, whilst recognizing the national importance of exploiting oil resources as quickly and smoothly as possible, will safeguard the interests of Scotland, its people, its environment and its way of life."

The goal of independence will not be reached overnight: in fact I would expect that four or five uneasy years might elapse before Scotland attains as high a degree of outward independence as the Republic of Ireland. The key point is the granting of an elected Assembly to a people affected by a natural and brilliantly-exploited emotion. Are the leaders of one or both of the main political parties preparing to commit themselves against such an Assembly? I do not believe it for a moment, and I shall therefore continue to believe in the prediction I have made. The lesson accordingly is that we Scots, of whatever political party or of no political party, had better reconcile ourselves to the prospect of independence and plan our lives and our Scottish economy on that diminished basis.

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## The nature of Anglican doctrine

*From the Reverend Graham Dowell*

Sir, Many will doubtless share your Religious Affairs Correspondent's impatience with the refusal of Anglicans to "define doctrine" in precast concrete moulds. Yet I suspect he is being hard on the Doctrine Commission's Report which he finds so pale and pusillanimous.

For a start, he quotes its sub-title, "The nature of the Christian Faith and its expression in Holy Scripture and Creeds", but not its title, which is far more indicative of its general approach: "Christian believing". The focus is thus more on the relationship of the believer with the classical statements of belief (Creeds, Articles, etc). The bedrock beliefs still remain for Anglicans, to be quarried out of the Scriptures and the Prayer book, the classical sources. If we are asked "What do you believe?", we are more likely to answer "Come and experience/join in the exploration with us" than "Read this" or "Accept that".

It is noteworthy that the Creed in our new Series 3 Liturgy opens with the words "We believe. . . ." (rather than "I"). That is to say that we are made aware that the Creed is a community statement in which the believer shares as and where he is able. We all find ourselves at different stages on the journey, we apprehend (or are seized by) the truth at different levels and no one pretends that uniformity is either desirable or practicable. We, like our Latin brothers, have come to accept pluriformity in belief as much as in cultural tradition. And this can be an enriching, exciting, but also (to the faint-hearted) a confusing and even bewildering experience!

The time for "standing" on our Lambeth Quadrilaterals or in any other embattled squares has passed. The Church is in its belief as well as in its practice not only Rock but River. The warfare (to return to the embattled image) in which it is engaged is rather a matter of guerrilla engagements with enemies subtler than blanket atheism, materialism or secularism. And the believer as he journeys is not being asked by this report to retreat into some kind of desiccated rationalism: but to listen to the Word as it is addressed to him, within a believing community: act upon it, then (very important this) come back for another!

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February 16.

*From the Rev Professor P. R. Baelz*

Sir, Had Mr Vasey (February 18) first read what Professor Wiles wrote, he might have kept to himself his puzzlement at what he termed Wiles's "elasticity". I quote Wiles in context: "I cannot with integrity say that I believe God to be one in three persons. My questioning—historical and philosophical—does not leave me with sufficient grounds to form a belief on such a question one way or the offer. But I am happy to accept such language from the tradition as a vehicle of worship and of thinking about God, because much of what lies behind it seems to me to embody things of vital importance for Christian faith today."

Trinitarian worship is one thing, Trinitarian dogma, in its strict metaphysical sense, is another. The latter is at least open to question, if for no other reason than that attempts to explain the dogma seem more often than not to end up either in tritheism or in modalism, both of which positions have been denounced as heretical.

Incidentally, in another context, is not a measure of elasticity a sign of greater strength than rigidity?

Yours faithfully,
PETER BAELZ,
Christ Church,
Oxford.
February 18.

## Unpaid fuel bills

*From Mr Peter Houghton*

Sir, Your very welcome editorial on the problems of people who find themselves unable to pay their fuel bills raises important issues of principle that need the benefit of public debate. The present law that empowers the present electricity boards to disconnect a supply was passed in 1882 when, as far as is known, no household in the United Kingdom had a supply. Since then electricity particularly has become centrally important to our standard of living. In modern housing and in modern household goods, electricity cannot be satisfactorily replaced by other fuels. To lose one's supply has, therefore, an immediate and depressing effect on standards of living and to poor people, already struggling to make ends meet, it can be the last straw further underlining their poverty and exacerbating their problem.

This change in the importance of electricity is such that it is now vital to ask ourselves whether we do need the sanction of disconnection to ensure that the supplier gets his due. It is certainly not a solution to ask the boards to ask their disconnectors to use their judgment as to whether or not to proceed, as proposed by the Supplementary Benefits Commission's arrangements with the boards recently announced, or to suspend temporarily a power for one section of the population only as Mr Benn has done.

The "Right to Fuel" Campaign sponsored by the British Association of Settlements and now representative of 118 local and national groups throughout the country believe that the County Court procedure is just as adequate for this purpose as any other and that by introducing more effective pre-payment meters or methods, the special problem of accumulating arrears can be overcome.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HOUGHTON,
Chairman "Right to Fuel" Campaign,
British Association of Settlements & Social Action Centres,
The Birmingham Settlement,
318 Summer Lane,
Birmingham.
February 18.

*From Major S. K. Wilson*

Sir, Your leading article (February 17) touches on the general principle that (supplementary) benefits are paid in money, not in kind, and that how the money is spent is a matter for the recipient. It has always seemed to me to be absurd that I, as a taxpayer, should contribute towards the payments of a person's rent and then, as a ratepayer, suffer the effects of its non-payment if the recipient of the benefit chooses to apply the benefit to some other purpose. You concede that it may now be necessary to make an exception to this rule for *council* rents and I am hopeful that this will come about.

But why restrict this to council rents? The non-payment of a beneficiary's rent can only lead, eventually, to his eviction and thus the compounding of his problems. Would it not be in the better interests of both parties if all rents which were included in supplementary benefits were paid direct to the landlord?

Yours faithfully,
S. K. WILSON,
52b St James's Street,
Brighton.
February 17.

## Planning inquiries

*From Mr John Dodwell*

Sir, Despite his 30 years as a county surveyor, Mr Leeming is incorrect in claiming (February 17) that supporters of contentious schemes are not allowed to appear at public inquiries to express their support. They are so allowed and they do so, but even this does not guarantee that the inspector will support the official plan!

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DODWELL,
181 Hyde Park Road,
Leeds.
February 17.

## Increase in rail fares

*From Dr A. G. Hearnden*

Sir, The increase in rail fares that has just been announced has revived the familiar demand for larger public subsidy. The unions are sorry for the "captive traveller" and want the burden transferred to the shoulders of the captive taxpayer. That only obscures the real problem.

I commute regularly to London, at a cost which has nearly doubled over the past two years. My ticket is checked before I get on the train, it is checked again on the train, and when I arrive at Paddington I generally have a choice of three ticket collectors to show it to before I leave the platform. Five men doing the same job.

I also travel a good deal on the Continent but I have seen nothing of the kind there.

It may well be true that the railway system cannot operate unsubsidized and is more deserving of public money than roads. But when the level of support is being fixed, the captive taxpayer has a right to see attention paid to elementary common sense.

If ever there was a need for an independent investigation of the workings of a monopolistic enterprise this is it. Those asked to undertake it might get in the right frame of mind by making a "fare-saver" tour of other EEC countries by train.

Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR HEARNDEN,
Courtyard House,
Oakley Park,
Frilford Heath,
Oxford.
February 18.

## Mercenaries' passports

*From Mr H. R. Murray Shaw*

Sir, Whether we approve of the actions of the mercenaries (or volunteers) or not, surely the confiscation of their passports upon their return to this country (reported in *The Times* on February 19) represents yet one more high-handed encroachment by government upon the rights and liberty of the individual which should be deplored and resisted by all thinking people.

Yours faithfully,
H. R. MURRAY SHAW,
Uppercroft,
Chad Road,
Birmingham.
February 19.

## Selection of judges

*From Mr Peter Reeves*

Sir, Although the terms of reference of the royal commission on lawyers and legal services are wide there is a gap. No mention is made of the judiciary which is selected from the ranks of practising lawyers. For the review to be complete it should include consideration of the method of selection of judges. The existing system is not open to public scrutiny and this fact alone justifies a detailed and probing examination.

Yours faithfully,
PETER REEVES, Director,
Centre for the Study of Protective Law,
209 Woodstock Road,
Yarnton,
Oxford.
February 15.

## National Theatre prices

*From Mr Roy Waters*

Sir, The management at the Lyttelton must be relieved that none of your correspondents has reminded National Theatregoers of the OP Riots at Covent Garden in 1809. After destruction by fire in the previous year the rebuilt theatre opened its doors on September 18. In the process of rebuilding a tier of cheap seats had been converted into expensive boxes, six shilling seats now cost seven, and the pit went up from 3s 6d to four shillings.

The curtain rose on John Philip Kemble as Macbeth. He was booed, hooted and hissed. Mrs Siddons appeared to plead for him and, according to Leigh Hunt, "there was a general groan of disgust". The audience then broke into a mock-solemn dance, pounding the floor to the reiterated chant "O-P; O-P" (old prices), and did not disperse until two in the morning.

This went on every night for nearly three months, until December 14, when Kemble met 300 of the rioters at the "OP Dinner" at the Crown and Anchor, where he gave in to all their demands, including the resignation of the house manager, Mr Brandon, though this was agreed only after a further night of disorder.

So would anyone care to come dancing at the Lyttelton next month? And will Peter Hall invite us all to dinner afterwards? And what about Peter Stevens?

Yours faithfully,
ROY WATERS,
5 Rusham Road, SW12.
February 17.

## Brick sculpture at the Tate: new movements in art

*From Mr Iain McGilchrist*

Sir, It is entirely right that the Tate Gallery should have bought a pile of bricks. The pile is not only, in itself, exemplary of a particular movement in art, but its purchase constitutes an eloquent criticism of contemporary art in general. At last, it is plain that creating, or conforming to, a critical trend has become, in all the arts, an end in itself: and the purchase merely acknowledges the principal characteristic of art in our time. The idea that the pleasure deriving from a work of art rests in the object itself, has given way to the situation where the whole *raison d'être* of the work, indeed its entire meaning, rests in being criticized. All considerations of the intrinsic aesthetic or spiritual value of the piece become irrelevant, and can be by-passed.

This does, however, put a museum or gallery in a difficult position. If the history of ideas is alone important, the museum, as repository of *objects*, becomes itself pointless. Should it contain nothing or everything, for instance, in an attempt to illustrate the idea: "all is art"?

We should be grateful to the Tate for making clear that the very existence of that essentially materialistic institution, the museum, is an anomaly in an age where art is self-consciously conceptual. Until the unfortunate day when that anomaly is rectified, let us hope that the Tate will not be persuaded to back down from its courageous and consistent policy. It should ignore brickbats, and go ahead to take up Mr Gwilym Roberts' saucepans. In that the proceeds will be donated to Labour Party funds, this important work exemplifies a new movement, which leads art pragmatically back to life.

Yours faithfully,
IAIN McGILCHRIST,
All Souls College,
Oxford.
February 18.

*From Dr Edward Lowbury*

Sir, Mr Bernard Levin affirms (February 18)—and most would agree—that a pile of bricks is not a work of art. But how could such an odd confusion have arisen? Perhaps like this:- Many people assume that significant new art is bound, at first, to be reviled and ridiculed; many striving artists may, in consequence, assume—perhaps unconsciously—that they can only succeed by at first creating outrage and ridicule. Meanwhile, the public has been trained and conditioned to mistrust its own judgment and leaves such matters to expert critics, many of whom are quite ready to show their powers of divination by seeing form and meaning where the uninitiated see chaos and nonsense; when faced with objects that would, in more "robust" times, have aroused a howl of abuse, they, the uninitiated, usually keep their mouths shut, or gape in silence. What started as an emancipation of taste from prim Victorian standards has led to a progressive lowering of the public tolerance and credulity thresholds to such a degree that now the striving artist can only hope to cause indignation and achieve a *succès de scandale* by flinging a pile of bricks—or (in a literal sense that would have astonished Ruskin), a pot of paint—at the public; but that way lies martyrdom—and glory.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD LOWBURY,
79 Vernon Road,
Edgbaston,
Birmingham.

*From Mr Rory McEwen*

Sir, It was depressing to see (*The Times*, February 18) Bernard Levin's defection to the ranks of those Philistines whom he professes to despise. Depressing, but not surprising, for I recall an article by him in *The Spectator* nearly 20 years ago in which he attacked the French painter Yves Klein in almost identical terms.

The point at issue which he misses, then as now, is surely whether these artists are serious in their intentions, or not. If they are serious, they may be difficult to come to terms with, as is the work of many modern musicians and poets, but they are indubitably artists, and should be supported in their hard and precarious profession by those who believe that art must occupy an important place in society.

Otherwise, they can only be assumed to be either idiots or cunning charlatans, and in the case of Carl Andre, the facts simply do not support either of these assumptions.

Come back Bernard Levin.

Yours faithfully,
RORY McEWEN,
Bardrochat,
Colmonell Girvan,
Ayrshire.

## The Dakar expedition

*From Mr Alastair Forbes*

Sir, As one of many who watched Colonel Maurice Buckmaster, later to become Spymaster in chief to the French Resistance, pencilling his notes (the contents of which were neither then nor subsequently revealed to me) on board HMS Barham, straddled and hit by expert and accurate shellfire from the Senegalese shore in September 1940, and who also saw HMS Resolution torpedoed before the longest battleship action since Jutland was broken off, perhaps I may be permitted to add my own comments on his letter of February 10 printed in your St Valentine's Day issue?

Although I have not yet received copies of Professor Marder's or Mr Williams's books, I too read Mr Michael Wolff's review of them in your columns but failed to find in it grounds for the objections raised by Colonel Buckmaster.

Mr Wolff wrote of "episodes that did ironv to what had in any event become a tragic farce". It seems pointless to attempt to deny that that is precisely what it had become. It was pure luck that the many undoubted breaches of security in July and August were not spotted by the enemy. No such luck could be expected to follow the Cabinet's continuing orders to poor Sir John Cunningham to parade (originally for the purposes of political propaganda!) the valuable capital ships of his Force and their escorts as floating duck targets to Richelieu's 16-in guns and the very ably manned shore batteries, always, since Nelson's day and before, certain to outshoot a seaborne foe.

I am unaware of Mr Wolff's qualifications for knowing what is or is not "still part of the repertoire at the bar of White's" but the last time I heard "Operation Menace" mentioned there was almost a quarter of a century ago by the delightful Admiral "Hooky" Holland, who, after being the unhappy bearer of the ultimatum to the French C-in-C at Mers-el-Kebir (who with his other captains had been his friend when he had served as Naval Attaché in Paris shortly before), was present at Dakar in command of HMS Ark Royal, from whose decks those notorious leaflets were to be flown.

*Pace* Winston Churchill, there was no "timidity" at Dakar, either by Navy or Army. And the "miscalculation, confusion and muddle" he mentioned were all the products of Cabinet, Joint Planners and, of course de Gaulle himself.

De Gaulle's later landing at Brazzaville, the march to the Chad, the creation of the Middle East reinforcement route from West Africa to Egypt and other important developments were all made possible by the courageous and clever diplomacy of Monsieur, later President, René Pleven and others, not by the planners of the tragic and farcical "Operation Menace".

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR FORBES,
Chalet Les Aubépines,
1837 Château d'Oex,
Vaud, Switzerland.
February 15.

## The way ahead

*From Mr James Robertson*

Sir, Mr David Howell rightly says (February 14) that the way ahead will be post-socialist. How much more convincing this will sound, when Conservative spokesmen recognise that the future will also be post-capitalist.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES ROBERTSON,
7 St Ann's Villas, W11.
February 17.

# COURT CIRCULAR

*BUCKINGHAM PALACE*
February 20: His Excellency Mr Ali Ebrahim Al-Mahroos was received in audience by The Queen this morning and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for the State of Bahrain to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Doctor Wasfi H. Nimer (Minister Plenipotentiary), Mr Mustafa Kamel Mohamed (First Secretary) and Mr Hasan Monfaradi (Cultural Attaché).

Madame Al-Mahroos had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Donald Tebbit (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr G. W. Baker (British High Commissioner in Papua New Guinea) and Mrs Baker had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Conrad Heron had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon relinquishing his appointment as Permanent Secretary, Department of Employment.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Glasgow Central Station in the Royal Train this morning and was received by the Right Hon the Lord Provost (Councillor P. McCann).

His Royal Highness drove to Charing Cross Tower, was received by the Chairman, Yarrow & Co Ltd (Sir Eric Yarrow, Bt), declared open the new offices of Y-ARD Limited and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

This afternoon, The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Waverley Station, Edinburgh, and drove to visit Rosyth Dockyard and HMS Bronington, where His Royal Highness was received by The Prince of Wales.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh, was present this evening at a dinner in the Senate House and was received upon arrival by the Principal and Vice-Chancellor (Professor Sir Hugh Robson).

*His Royal Highness* later returned to the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

Major Henry Hugh Smith was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to Rhoose Airport this morning and was received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Glamorgan (Sir Cennydd Traherne).

Her Royal Highness subsequently visited the Municipal Buildings, Aberavon, and, having been received by the Mayor (Councillor E. Owen), opened the new Aberafan Shopping Centre at Port Talbot and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was later entertained at luncheon by the Mayor at Afan Lido.

Her Royal Highness, President of the Save the Children Fund, and Captain Mark Phillips were present this evening at a Jaeger Fashion Show and Buffet Supper in aid of the Fund at Badminton.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips were received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (the Duke of Beaufort).

Miss Rowena Brassey was in attendance.

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The Duchess of Kent celebrates her birthday tomorrow.

Dr Douglas Whitter represented the Apothecaries' History Faculty at the memorial service for Mr A. Dickson Wright on Wednesday.

The Standard of No 21 Squadron is to be laid up in the RAF church of St Clement Danes, London, on Sunday, March 28, at 11 am.

## Birthdays today

Sir Felix Aylmer, 87; Group Captain Douglas Bader, 66; Mr Humphry Berkeley, 50; Lord Cohen of Birkenhead, 76; Sir Colville Deverell, 69; Sir Trevor Evans, 74; Sir Charles Goodeve, 72; Air Chief Marshal Sir Donald Hardman, 77; Sir Richard Jessel, 80; Lord Milverton, 91; Lord Justice Orr, 65; Sir Rex Surridge, 77.

TOMORROW: Olave Lady Baden-Powell, 87; Sir Roderick Barclay, 67; Lord Martonmere, 69; Mr John Mills, 68; Sir John Primrose, 76; Mr Henry Reed, 62; Sir Allan Smith, 83; Canon J. R. L. Thomas, 68.

## University news

### Cambridge masterships

Two new masters of colleges have been elected at Cambridge University. At Gonville and Caius College, Professor H. W. R. Wade, QC, MA, LLD, DCL (Oxon), professor of English at Oxford University, fellow of St John's College, Oxford, has been pre-elected into the mastership from October 1; and at Sidney Sussex College, Professor D. H. Northcote, ScD, FRS, fellow of St John's College, Cambridge, professor of plant biochemistry, has been elected into the mastership.

## Reception

**GLC**

The Lord Chancellor unveiled a plaque yesterday to mark the formal opening of the new Bexley Court House. Afterwards the Vice-Chairman of the Greater London Council and the Chairman of the South-east London Magistrates' Courts Committee were joint hosts at a reception held in the Court House. Among those present were:

The Mayor and Mayoress of Bexley, Mr Edward Heath, MP, the Chairman of the Bexley Bench, Judge J. A. Grieves, QC, the Secretary of Commissions and Mr Cyril Townsend, MP.

# Urgent questions awaiting a new doctor angelicus

By Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone

Since the day after the crucifixion, when, as men thought, Jesus of Nazareth was laid safely in His tomb, *His* followers have been faced with a fundamental dilemma. Could it all have been a mistake, founded on a simple error of doctrine or of fact?

No doubt in the long period of time which has elapsed since the first holy Saturday, the dilemma has presented itself in various forms according to the intellectual climate of the age. But in the end the question is the same. Was it all a mistake? And what, in the question, do we mean by "it"? By "it" I *certainly* mean to include the belief that there is something distinctive, and unique, or rather uniquely good and true, about Christianity, which justifies its continuance as a separate body of men and women.

What is remarkable is not so much that the question should have to be asked continually, but that after two thousand years, "it" should have continued to survive and to show such astonishing vitality and variety. But if "it", whatever "it" may be, is founded on a mistake, then surely we are, as St Paul asserts, of all men the most miserable. It must always be a misfortune to believe what is not true.

*Christian Believing*, the report of the Doctrine Commission of the Church of England (SPCK, £2.50), does not make easy reading. It begins with a short unanimous report, declaring that the Christian Life is an "adventure, a voyage of discovery, a journey". This, with two learned appendixes on the status of the New Testaments as a source of doctrine, and the origin of the creeds, comprises about a third of the whole. The remaining two-thirds is a collection of eight essays, each by a different member of the commission and containing as many different theological standpoints.

I have never myself thought for a moment that I risked my immortal soul simply by entertaining dangerous thoughts. On this at least the theologians, unlike so many of their predecessors, seem to be agreed. We cannot compromise our loyalty to truth. But I question whether they would not have done better to isolate and confront together what seem to me the three fundamental questions which puzzle the modern believer and turn away the would-be convert.

The first is the existence of God, and the right things to say about His nature. The real enemy of the Church in England is not, I would think, unorthodoxy, but materialism. It is said, and believed by so many people, that there is no such thing as the world of the spirit, that value-judgments are only so many emotive noises; *that the appalling suffering* and horror of the world is inconsistent with a benevolent deity and that belief in such a deity is quiet incompatible with what are assumed to be the proven facts of scientific knowledge. I believe this is by far the most important question for twentieth-century theologians to tackle, and by a paradox, this, the first article in the Creed, is probably given less attention than anything else in the book.

A second difficulty is the fact that all doctrinal statements on the Creed are couched in language either highly metaphorical, or almost unintelligible to any but the instructed. What is, or can be meant by "Son of God", or "begotten before all worlds", or "Conceived" by the Holy Ghost, or "proceeding from the Father and the Son"? By all means let us differ amicably about meanings provided we know what the options are. The authors of *Christian Believing* offer little help here.

The third difficulty is less easy to put. Obviously the allegedly miraculous, whether it be the virgin birth, the feeding of the five thousand, or the resurrection itself, presents difficulties of credibility to the scientifically minded modern man. But far more serious to my mind is the *time scale which the Bible presents*, which underlies its whole view of human history. It is not the talking snake and the miraculous trees which puzzle one about the Genesis story of the creation, nor the difficulties of accommodation in the overcrowded ark. These can *easily* be explained as allegory or myth or a mixture of both. But to think of the world as about 6,000 years old enables the facts of the New Testament to be regarded easily as a culmination (as it was presented in the first century) or relatively easy as the prelude to a climax (*which it* has become between the second and the twentieth). But when it has come to be believed that the human race has been present on the planet for millions of years, and may, for aught we know, continue to be present for an indefinite time in the future, the uniqueness of the Christian religion requires to be demonstrated in quite a different way.

I realize, of course, that the Doctrine Commission were writing to limited terms of reference. But I cannot help wondering whether they should not instead have embarked upon a more ambitious adventure than that which they have experienced.

What is needed seems to me to be a reappraisal and reconstruction of Christian thinking by more or less orthodox Christians in terms of contemporary philosophical and scientific terminology. We are waiting, I believe, for a new doctor angelicus to elucidate the faith to those who are more familiar with interstellar space and the theory of evolution than fourth-century Greek philosophy. *I happen to believe myself that*, of all the world religions, Christianity is still the best equipped to present a credible model of the totality of things in terms of its existing orthodox beliefs. But for this purpose exposition and apologetic is probably a more useful *exercise than dialogue*.

If I am right in my diagnosis, I doubt whether *Christian Believing* will elucidate the answers, despite its admirable absence of odium theologicum, and the obvious learning and sincerity of its authors. We need not a new faith, nor one which is watered down, but one which is reinterpreted in terms of positive philosophy which those who are accustomed to abstract thought can assimilate and understand.

Next week: Peter Baelz replies to R. P. C. Hanson's recent review of his book, *The Forgotten Dream*.

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr J. E. Cushing and Miss S. I. Vlitos**
The engagement is announced between James Edward, son of Mr and Mrs E. G. Cushing, of Norwich, Norfolk, and Suzanne Irene, eldest daughter of Professor and Mrs A. J. Vlitos, of Spring Cottage, Chapel Row, Bucklebury Common, Berkshire.

**Mr S. Fox and Miss S. Pescod**
The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs H. A. Fox, of Mickleover, Derbyshire, and Susan Melanie, elder daughter of Mrs E. A. Pescod, of Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex.

**Mr J. H. Harley and Miss S. M. Thomson**
The engagement is announced in Johannesburg between John Henry, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Harley, of Penarth, and Sylvia Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Thomson, of Wadhurst.

**Dr E. A. W. Maunder and Miss M. H. A. Rowden**
The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of Mrs E. Maunder and the late Mr F. A. C. Maunder, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. A. Rowden, of Clyst St Mary, Devon.

**Mr T. V. Myatt and Miss S. F. B. Cass**
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Thomas Myatt, The Queen's Own Hussars, son of the late Mr G. V. E. F. Myatt and of Mrs T. G. Myatt, Fleet, Hampshire, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr L. J. B. Cass, Rushden, Northamptonshire, and Mrs M. Cass, Finchley, London, N3.

**Mr R. K. Simpson and Miss S. L. Leonard**
The engagement is announced between Robert Kirkpatrick, second son of Mr and Mrs R. G. Simpson, of Timaru, New Zealand, and Susan Laura, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. J. Leonard, of Christchurch, New Zealand.

**Mr R. R. Stokes and Miss L. F. Turner-Warwick**
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Francis and Monica Stokes, of Carisbrooke Drive, Mapperley Park, Nottingham, and Lynne, younger daughter of Richard and Margaret Turner-Warwick, of Fitzroy Park, Highgate.

**Mr P. Veitch and Miss J. Elkington**
The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. Veitch, of Bootes Street, Waterkloof Ridge, Pretoria, and Jill, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. H. Elkington, of 6 West Street, Lower Houghton, Johannesburg 2001.

**Mr T. R. Woolcott and Miss D. M. Homfray**
The engagement is announced between Timothy Rodney, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roland Woolcott, of 2 St Patrick Lane, Houghton, Johannesburg, and Diana Mary, eldest daughter of Major and Mrs Frank Homfray, of Penllyn Court, Cowbridge, Glamorgan.

## Dinners

**Midland and Oxford Circuit Bar Mess**
The Midland and Oxford Circuit Bar Mess held a dinner yesterday evening at Lincoln's Inn, in honour of the former leader, Judge Skinner, QC, the former deputy leader, Mr Justice Stephen Brown, and Mr Justice Goff, upon their appointments to the Bench. The leader, Mr Philip Cox, QC, presided. Among those present were:
Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane, Mr Justice Cusack, Mr Justice Swanwick, Mr Justice Lane, Mr Justice Talbot, Mr Justice Eveleigh, Mr Justice Forbes, Mr Justice Graham, Mr Justice Reeve, Judge King-Hamilton, QC, Judge Brian Gibbens, QC, Mr Maurice Drake, QC (deputy leader), Mr Julian Jeffs, QC (treasurer), Mr Derek Stanley (junior), and Mr James Hunt (assistant junior).

**Institute of Linguists**
The annual dinner of the Institute of Linguists took place yesterday evening at the Kensington Close Hotel. Sir John Pilcher was the guest speaker and the guests were received by Miss Mary Glasgow, chairman, and Lady Threlford, president.

## Service dinners

**Royal Hampshire Regiment**
Officers of The Royal Hampshire Regiment held a dinner yesterday evening at the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly. The Colonel of the regiment, Brigadier D. J. Warren, presided.

**Pembroke Yeomanry**
A reunion dinner of the Pembroke Yeomanry was held last night at the Officers' Mess, RAC Ranges, Castlemartin, to mark the anniversary of the surrender of the French invaders at Fishguard. Colonel G. A. Jackson presided.


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The Prince of Wales welcoming the Duke of Edinburgh on board the minehunter Bronington, his first command, at Rosyth yesterday.

## Marriages

**Mr C. J. A. Coleman and Miss E. C. C. Knowles**
The marriage took place yesterday at All Saints' Church, West Dean, East Sussex, of Mr Christopher Coleman, eldest son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs M. B. Coleman, of Selmeston, Sussex, and Miss Elizabeth Knowles, only daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs James Knowles, of 9 St Leonard's Terrace, SW3. The Rev Michael Thomson officiated, assisted by Father S. Hester.

*The bride, who was given in* marriage by her father, wore a champagne-coloured gown. Her veil was held in place by a head-dress of cream roses and freesias and she carried a bouquet of cream roses, freesias and hyacinths. Mr John Coleman, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was held at Sheep Pen, West Dean, home of the bride, and the honeymoon will be spent in Austria.

**Count C. Benckendorff and Miss L. E. Leitman**
The marriage took place yesterday between Count Constantine Benckendorff, son of Count Benckendorff and of Countess Esther Benckendorff, and Miss Lynne Ellen Leitman, daughter of Captain Henri Bertrand Leitman and of Mrs Louise Savidge.

## Today's engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attend reception and lunch before watching Calcutta Cup match, Murrayfield, 12.40.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor of Edinburgh University, attends installation of Mr Magnus Magnusson as Rector, McEwan Hall, 11.

Concert: New Westminster Chorus and Westminster Cathedral String Orchestra, St John's, Smith Square, 7.30.

Lecture: Botticelli, by Audrey P. Tyndall, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, 12.

Lecture: The evolution of the musical, by Philip Jenkinson, Goldsmiths' College, Lewisham Way, New Cross, 2.30-6.30.

## Tomorrow

Exhibition of Thracian treasures from Bulgaria, British Museum, Great Russell Street, 2.30-6.

National Canoe Exhibition, Crystal Palace, 10.30-6.30.

Lecture: London and Bath in the eighteenth century, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, 3.30.

London walk: Royal palaces and the Queen's men, meet St James's Park Underground station, 3.

## Memorial services

**General Sir Mervyn Butler**
A memorial service for General Sir Mervyn Butler was held yesterday at St Martin-in-the-Fields. The service was conducted by Prebendary Austen Williams, assisted by the Rev John Gwinnett and the Rev John McNaughton. The lesson was read by General Sir Roland Gibbs, Colonel Commandant, The Parachute Regiment, and an address was given by Major-General H. E. N. Bredin. Among those present were:

Lady Butler (widow), Mrs P. O'Kane (stepdaughter), Mr and Mrs M. Clarke-Jervoise (stepson and stepdaughter-in-law), Miss Caroline Clarke-Jervoise, Peter O'Kane.

Viscount Slim, Lady Greenway, General Lord Bourne, Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer, Field Marshal Sir Geoffrey Baker, Admiral Sir Ian Easton (Royal College of Defence Studies), General Sir Peter Hunt (representing Army Board), General Sir Norman Tailyour, General Sir Richard and Lady Gale, General Sir Hugh Stockwell, General Sir Charles Jones, General Sir Cecil Blacker, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Cameron (representing Air Force Board and RAF Rugby Union), Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick and Lady Rosier, Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Prickett.

Vice-Admiral Sir Ian and Lady Hogg, Lieutenant-General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Goodwin (representing Suffolk Regiment), Lieutenant-General Sir Napier Crookenden (also representing SSAFA), Lieutenant-General P. J. Whiteley (representing RM) and Mrs Whiteley, Archdeacon John Youens, Major-General P. Ward (representing Household Division), Major-General J. W. Stanier (representing Staff College, Camberley), Major-General J. G. R. Allen (representing Royal Armoured Corps), Major-General and Mrs K. McQueen, Major-General J. D. C. Graham, Major-General and Mrs W. T. Campbell, Major-General J. M. Sawers (representing Services Kinema Corporation), Major-General W. D. Mangham (also representing GOC 2 Div), Major-General R. D. Wilson, Major-General G. L. Cooper, Major-General W. D. Raeburn, Major-General G. F. Gox, Major-General J. Kelsey (representing Army Rugby Union).

Major-General T. N. Wheeler (representing Royal Ulster Rifles), Major-General E. H. Goulburn, Major-General P. A. M. Tighe, Major-General J. H. S. Majury (also representing Naval and Military Club) and Mrs Majury, Major-General R. L. C. Dixon (representing Army Air Corps), Major-General J. A. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid (representing 4/7 Royal Dragoon Guards), Major-General A. R. Fyler, Major-General C. W. Dunbar, Major-General G. C. A. Gilbert, Major-General D. A. Beckett, Major-General M. Forrester, Major-General and Mrs R. J. D. Buckland, Major-General M. J. H. Walsh (HQ BAOR) and Mrs Walsh, Major-General T. H. Birkbeck (North of England TAVR Association), Major-General M. W. Holme, Major-General S. M. Abraham, Major-General and Mrs P. Tower, Major-General T. M. Creasey (Director of Infantry), Brigadier P. A. Downward (commandant, School of Infantry, also representing the Colonel, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment and Major-General, The King's Division).

Brigadier B. T. V. Cowey (also representing Army Rugby Union), Brigadier M. C. Hall, Brigadier G. H. W. Howlett (Command 16 Para Brigade), Brigadier K. C. Came (Command 44 Para Brigade (V)), Brigadier M. J. A. Clarke, Brigadier P. D. F. Thursby (also representing Army Sport Control Board) and Mrs Thursby, Brigadier and Mrs D. M. Locke, Brigadier D. K. Allen, Brigadier T. I. G. Gray, Brigadier H. G. Woods, Brigadier L. V. Fawkes, Brigadier H. J. Waller, Group Captain T. W. A. Hutton (representing AOC 38 Group RAF), Wing Commander H. W. Guile (RAF Strike Command), Mrs A. H. Farrar-Hockley, Lieutenant-Colonel S. C. A. N. Bishop (Airborne Forces Security Fund), Major H. J. Milman (Parachute Regiment Association), Lieut-Colonel I. R. Cartwright (Special Air Service) and Lieutenant-Colonel N. Morley (representing Command 1 British Corps).

**Mr J. E. Lousley**
A memorial service for Mr J. Edward Lousley was held yesterday at St Olave's, Hart Street, City. The Rev L. E. M. Claxton, Dr John Dony and Mr F. K. Sherborne took part in the service. Among those present were:

Mrs Lousley (widow), Dr and Mrs John Gleghorn (son-in-law and daughter), Captain and Mrs Maurice Aries, Mr Ronald Lousley, Mr Bruce Lousley, Mrs David Cox.

Lady Anne Brewis, Sir David Burnett, Lady (Norman) Price, Mr Barry Till (principal, Morley College), Air Vice-Marshal J. F. Powell (warden, Moor Park College), Mr Max Nicholson, Mrs Ion Garnett-Orme, Mr Eric Swann (president, Botanical Society of the British Isles), Mr H. Mackworth-Praed (National Trust), Mr K. Usherwood (Field Studies Council), Mr R. Moss (Keeper of Botany, British Museum, Natural History), Dr N. K. B. Robson (British Museum, Natural History) with Dr William Stearn and Mr J. F. M. Cannon, Dr R. M. Harley (Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew) with Mr P. S. Green and Mr R. Brummitt, Dr F. H. Perring (Institute of Terrestrial Ecology), Mr David McClintock (Wild Flower Society).

Mr R. Wallace (British Biological Society), Miss Mary Briggs (Flatford Mill Field Centre), Dr C. T. Prime (Council for Nature), Mr John Sankey (Juniper Hall), Mrs H. Cartwright (South London Botanical Institute), Mrs Joyce Smith (Surrey Flora Committee) and Mr J. M. Montgomery (Surrey Naturalists' Trust).

## Services tomorrow: Sexagesima

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Rev D. W. Chisholm, TD and Jub (Weelkes, short), HC, 11.30 (Byrd), Int, Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd); E, 3.15, Canon Sam Woodhouse, Mag and ND (Dyson in F), A, O where shall wisdom be found? (Boyce).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Ben (Harris in A), A, Teach me, O Lord (Attwood), the Dean; Sung Eucharist, 11.40, Missa brevis (Leighton), A, O taste and see (Vaughan Williams); E, 3 (Wood in F), A, O where shall wisdom be found? (Boyce), Rev D. L. Edwards; E, 6.30, Rev Dr M. Israel.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 11, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus (Jackson in D), A, Hear my prayer (Mendelssohn), Rev J. Montague; 4, Choral Evening Prayer (Holman in F minor), A, O where shall wisdom be found? (Boyce), Rev D. Hutt.

CHAPEL ROYAL, *St James's Palace*: HC, 8.30; M, 11.15, A, Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons), Canon P. T. Ashton.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): MP, 11.15, TD (Gibbons, short), Canon Edwin Young, A, My soul, there is a country (Parry); HC, 12.30.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, 12.15; MP, 11, the Chaplain.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited, entry via Lincoln's Inn Fields gateway): M, 11.30, Canon R. Tydeman.

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15; M, 11, Jub (Ridout), A, Attollite portas (Byrd), Rev Dr P. Lynn.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Tallis in the Dorian Mode), Jub (Wesley in F), A, Christ, whose glory fills the skies (Armstrong), the Master.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service, 11, A, Christe, adoramus te (Monteverdi), Rev E. W. Evans.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, 12.15; MP, 11 (Stanford in C), A, The surrender of the soul (Cornelius), Rev J. Arrowsmith; E, 3.30 (Wood in C), A, O Lord, thou hast searched me out (Eccles), the Chaplain.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): M, 11, TD (Harwood in A flat), A, O for a close walk with God (Stanford); E, 3.30, Mag and ND (Tomkins), A, Jesu, the very thought of thee (Bairstow).

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ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11, Sung Eucharist, Rev M. Anderson.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 7; HM, 11, Rev D. J. Shuarlac, Missa Brevis (Palestrina).

CHELSEA PARISH CHURCH, Sydney Street: HC, 8.15, 12.10; Parish Communion, 10; MP, 11, Rev C. M. Dent; E, 6.30, Preb H. Lossky.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: Sung Eucharist, 11 (Harwood in A flat), Exsultate justi (Viadana), Rev J. B. Gaskell.

HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, 9.15, Canon R. Tydeman.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8 and 12.15; Family Communion, 9, Rev R. H. Turvey; M, 11, Rev C. Patterson; E, 6, Professor A. Cameron.

HOLY TRINITY, Kingsway: HC, 10; United Service at Kingsway Hall, 6.30.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 5.30 pm; SM, 9.30; HM, 11 (Stanford in C), Rev I. D. P. Bent; E and B, 6.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; M, 11 (Hunt in C), A, Exsurge Domine (Byrd), the Rector; E, 6.30 (Hunt in C), A, Salve Regina (Lassus), Dr G. Smith.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30; M & HC, 11, Rev D. Morgan, Jub (Stanford in C); E, 6.30, Mag and ND (Helton Stewart in C), A, O where shall wisdom be found? (Boyce), Mr T. G. Stride.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Darlow in A), Rev W. M. Atkins, Mot, Quorum via (Stanford).

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street: HC, 8, 12; MP, 11, Rev G. C. Taylor; E, 6.30, Rev A. W. D. Bayley.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15; Eucharist, 9.15, and E, 6, Rev W. P. Baddeley; MP, 11, Rev J. L. W. Robinson.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 12.15 and 6.45; 11, Service for the Horse Rangers Association, Jub (William Walton), A, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley), Canon D. L. Edwards; E, 6, M and ND (Howells in G), A, O where shall wisdom be found? (Boyce).

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion, 9.45, Mr N. Ingram-Smith; M, 11.15, the Vicar; Choral E, 4.15; E, 6.30, Rev R. Swan.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8, 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30 and E, 6.30, Rev H. L. O. Rees, Teach me, O Lord (Attwood); MP, 11.15, Rev A. F. Davis, Teach me, O Lord (Hilton).

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8, 11, Rev F. Harding, Music to hear (Howard), Mot, Civitas sancti tui (Byrd); E, 6.30.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15, 12.15; M, 11, Mr R. Atkin; 6, Rev T. Saunders.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8, 9; SE, 11, Canon Martin Kaye.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: 11 and 6.30, E John Goodwin Hudson.

ST PAUL'S, Bedford Street, Covent Garden: SE, 11, Dr J. B. Gurney Smith.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Darke in A minor), Teach me, O Lord (Byrd), Rev M. J. G. Melrose.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8; M, 11; E, 6.30, Rev O. R. Clark.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 7, 8; HM, 11, Missa super Le Berger et la Bergère (Lassus), Rev R. Hayes; E and B, 6, Rev K. Hobbs.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM 11, Canon ffrench-Beytagh.

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ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland) Pont Street: 11, Rev Dr R. Stuart Louden; 6.30, Rev P. S. Kirby.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland) Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15 Rev D. S. N. Hamilton; 6.30, Rev J. Miller Scott.

THE ORATORY, SW: SM, 11, (Vaughan Williams in G minor); V and B, 3.30, Mot Ave verum corpus (Byrd).

ASSUMPTION, Warwick St: SM, 11 (Latin), Simile est regnum caelorum (Victoria).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Missa duabus vocibus (Siam), Benedicam Domino (Croce).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY: St John's Wood: SM (Latin), 10.45 Missa Mille regretz (Morales), Tibi laus (Philips).

*THE JESUIT CHURCH*, Farm Street: LM, 7, 8, 9, 10, 4.15, 6.30 and 7.30 pm; SM, 11; noon, Father P. J. Blake.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Dr Daniel Jenkins.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Dr M. Barnett.

KINGSWAY HALL (West London Mission): 11 and 6.30, Rev Lord Soper.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr J. Huxtable.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev D. W. Marshall.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, meeting at St Martin's, Ludgate Hill: 11, Rev J. Atkinson.

FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP (Quakers), 52 St Martin's Lane: 11.

# James VI £20 coin sets record for British piece

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

An auction record price for any British coin was established in Los Angeles on Thursday night when a James VI of Scotland £20 piece sold for $67,500 (estimate $35,000 to $42,000) or £33,360. This large gold coin has always been the most valuable of the Scottish series; it dates from 1576, before James became King of England. The last time an example was on the market was in 1974, when it brought £21,000 in a Glendining's sale in London.

Thursday's sale was held at the Los Angeles Hilton and organized by the Bowers and Ruddy Gallery of Los Angeles in conjunction with Spink & Son of London. The sale was devoted to the Dundee collection of Scottish coins formed by a Californian couple. The James VI coin had once graced the Marquis of Bute's collection and was bought by Spink's.

Christie's yesterday sold nineteenth-century continental paintings for a total of £171,215, with 16 per cent unsold. Prices are still on the move in this field, mostly upwards. The top price was £8,800 with premium (estimate £1,200 to £1,500) for Jules Breton's "Fire in the Haystack", while Willem Koekkoek's "Street Scene in Rotterdam", estimated at £10,000-£15,000, was unsold at £6,500.

The Breton painting is a large work (55in by 82½in), busy with peasant figures attempting to douse the fire, and was exhibited in the Paris Salon in 1861. Few Realist painters, apart from Courbet, have done as well as that at auction for decades; even the recent Parisian revival of interest in nineteenth-century academics has *concentrated on later painters*. Works by artists such as Breton tend to be dismissed as "brown pictures". The purchaser chose to remain anonymous.

Other notable prices included the £8,250 (estimate £3,000 to £3,500) paid by Richard Green for a "Portrait of a Girl" by Alexei Alexeievitsch Harlamoff, and the £4,400 paid by the Piccadilly Gallery for "The Harbour of Malmocco, near Venice" by Guglielmo Ciardi, the leading painter of the nineteenth-century Venetian school (estimate £5,000). There was a "Wooded River Landscape" by Frederick Marinus Kruseman at £6,600 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000), an artist whose popularity collapsed with the Dutch school two years ago but seems to be coming back.

Sotheby's held a successful sale of English furniture, needlework, *rugs and carpets totalling £117,370*, with 4 per cent unsold. Good carpets again ran well beyond expectations with a Nain carpet (15ft 6in by 11ft 8in) at £6,380 (estimate £2,500 to £3,500).

There were two particularly nice George III small mahogany breakfront bookcases, which sold at £4,620 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000) and £3,520 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000). Among the surprises was the £1,287 (estimate £400 to £600) paid for a carved George III mahogany wine cooler.

## Science report

# Medicine: Anti-fertility vaccination

Vaccination against fertility may soon be a safe and easy alternative method of contraception. A group of Indian scientists recently announced an important advance in work aimed at avoiding pregnancy by blocking the action of one particular hormone which plays a crucial part in the establishment and maintenance of pregnancy.

The hormone is human chorionic gonadotrophin (HCG) which is produced within six to eight days of conception. If it can be prevented from acting, the fertilized egg does not embed in the uterus, menstruation follows normally and pregnancy is avoided. Vaccination with an HCG preparation should produce antibodies against HCG which will effectively block its action.

The main difficulty in developing an effective vaccine against HCG are first, to ensure that the *antibodies produced react against* HCG only and not against any other hormone or body tissue. Second, the antibodies produced should be able to block the biological action of HCG. The human body will only produce antibodies against a molecule or object which it recognizes as foreign or "not self". As HCG is a natural body *protein, it does not stimulate anti*body formation unless it is modified in some way to make it recognizable to the body's immune system as foreign.

The Indian group got round that difficulty by coupling the HCG fragment to tetanus toxoid (used in vaccination against tetanus). The body will now produce antibodies against both portions of the molecule, the HCG and the tetanus toxoid, producing the welcome bonus of immunity against tetanus, an appreciable health hazard in developing countries where that method of con*traception has its greatest potential*.

Dr G. P. Talwar and his colleagues at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi have overcome both difficulties and have produced an apparently safe vaccine free of side-effects which can be subjected to clinical trials. For the vaccine they have used only that part of the HCG molecule which is unique and is also crucial to its biological activity.

The antibodies produced against that part of the molecule when it is injected do not appear to have any ill effects on any other body *component and effectively block* the activity of HCG.

Announcing the results of both animal and human studies in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA*, Dr Talwar and his colleagues report that antibodies against the injected HCG-tetanus toxoid are produced at a high enough level to neutralize the amounts of HCG expected to be produced in the event of conception. Antibody levels persist for more than a year and the antibodies effectively block the biological action of HCG.

The next step will be to test the vaccine clinically to see whether it does have the contraceptive effect predicted and whether it is as free of undesirable side effects as it appears. If the tests are successful, the potential for such a vaccine would be enormous, especially in the developing countries.

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# OBITUARY

## M RENÉ CASSIN

### Eminent French jurist

M. René Cassin, the eminent French jurist, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1968, died in Paris yesterday at the age of 88.

He made a substantial contribution to the safeguarding of human rights and it was regarded as an indication of the Nobel committee's motives for the award that 1968 was International Human Rights Year.

Born in Bayonne on October 5, 1887, he was educated at Aix University, fought in the First World War, winning the Croix de Guerre and the Médaille Militaire and was disabled. In 1920 he was appointed to a chair at Lille University and in 1929 to a chair of law in the University of Paris. From 1924 to 1938 he was a member of the French delegation to the League of Nations.

In June, 1940 he landed in Plymouth with Captain Becourt Foch, the son in law of Marshal Foch, to join General de Gaulle. "*You* have arrived at the right moment", the General said. "Churchill has recognized me as head of the Free French forces. You must draft the legal decrees." It fell to Cassin to draw up the historic agreement between Britain and Free France. Cassin is reported to have said to the General, "I take it that it is understood that we are not a French legion in the British army but the French army". "We are France", answered the General.

Cassin became one of the most reliable of de Gaulle's first adherents and, with his pepper-coloured beard and authoritative aura of a man of the law, one of the most reassuring to doubtful sympathizers and formidable *to critics*. His legal acumen was invaluable in giving a juridical status to the movement and in presenting the arguments for the illegality of Vichy. He broadcast frequently on the foreign network of the BBC. In 1940-41 he was permanent Secretary of the Defence Council and later he held other important posts under de Gaulle including that of national commissioner for justice and education.

From 1944 to 1960 he was vice-president of the Conseil d'Etat and subsequently honorary president. From 1945 to 1960 he was president of the highest administrative court in the country and from 1960 to 1971 a member of the Conseil Constitutionnel, the French equivalent of the Supreme Court.

He played a significant part in the establishment of Unesco and from 1946 to 1958 was a member of the French delegation to the United Nations.

*In 1946 Cassin was appointed* deputy chairman of the UN commission drafting the declaration of human rights and was to contribute fundamentally to the adoption of the declaration.

He became a judge of the European Court of Human Rights in 1959 and from 1965 to 1968 was the president of the court. He was awarded many honorary degrees; Oxford and London were among those universities which recognized *his great merits*. In 1973 he was given the Goethe Prize.

His first wife died several years ago. Last November he married Mme Ghislaine Bru, a former French Resistance fighter he had known since the Second World War.

## MR V. N. LAZAREV

Professor Victor Nikitych Lazarev, Associate Member of the USSR Academy of Sciences, died in Moscow on January 31 at the age of 78.

By the 1930s his attainments in the study on the one hand of the Italian Renaissance, on the other of Byzantine and early Russian art had enabled him to make his mark in Moscow's academic and museum circles. Within another decade Lazarev had acquired a European reputation and his later achievements have led most scholars specializing in the same fields *of research to look upon him as* their doyen.

Lazarev was lucky in his parents for they were quick to recognize his quite remarkable intellectual abilities without making excessive demand on him. His mother was a gifted musician and his father an eminent architect. It was doubtless due to his mother that, until he reached the age of 15, Lazarev intended to become a musician, but his interests changed sharply when his father introduced him to the magic world of Renaissance Italy and family friends such as Alexander Benois encouraged him to pursue that interest. In doing so Lazarev developed an enduring adoration for the Renaissance, *an adoration which drew him* back to it on countless occasions to find fresh delight in it for himself and illuminating ideas for his readers. Indeed, two of his most monumental works, a study of *The Origins of the Italian Renaissance* (in Russian, 1960) and, on *Some Early Italian Masters* (also in Russian, 1972) are among his latest and most significant works.

Although Italy was quick to appreciate the quality of Lazarev's contribution to Italian studies it is as the leading Byzantinist of his day and the foremost authority on early Russian art that Lazarev is especially admired in western Europe and the United States, and it was for work done in these disciplines that Edinburgh University awarded him an honorary degree a few years ago. It is impossible here to give any idea of the volume or range of Lazarev's publications; many have appeared in Italian, French and German, fewer in English, though Phaidon published his *Old Russian Murals and Mosaics* in 1966 and Moscow has contributed two handsome companion volumes with texts in Russian and English on *Novgorodian Icon Painting* (1969) and *The Moscow School of Icon Painting* (1972); they suffice to illustrate his scholarship no less than his lucid, flowing, stimulating style.

But Lazarev was no dry or pedantic scholar—he was a bon viveur with an impish sense of humour and boundless curiosity in all things relating to people, *their ways of life and thinking*. He was as loyal a friend as he was lavish a host and generous a colleague and teacher. His friends will mourn the man quite as much as the scholar with an international reputation.

## MR W. G. CONSTABLE

Alec Clifton Taylor writes:

Your obituary of W. G. Constable, which pays splendid and well-deserved tribute to his *Richard Wilson* and to his other writings, refers only briefly to his five years as the first Director of the Courtauld of Art. Perhaps one of his first students there may be permitted to fill *in a few details*.

The opening of the Courtauld Institute in October, 1932, as an integral part of the University of London, was a momentous event in our educational history. For whereas it had long been possible to go to a university to read theology or Sanskrit or half a hundred other subjects remote from most people's experience, no British university had until then offered a degree course in the history of art, despite its much greater relevance to the lives of many of us. To Constable, therefore, fell the great responsibility of framing the initial course of study.

It must be realised that in 1932 the history of art, because of its total exclusion from school and university curricula, was a subject on which even the most highly educated people were almost unbelievably ignorant. My history tutor at Oxford, for example, had never heard of Girtin. *Accordingly*, Constable sought to provide a course which ranged widely over the whole field of art; and I for one have never ceased to be grateful for the breadth of view with which he approached his task. In the course of his first two years as director, we were privileged to hear courses of lectures by an astonishing range of distinguished scholars, not only from England (including, for example, at least a dozen Keepers of Departments in the British and Victoria and Albert Museums) but also from Europe, whence came scholars as famous as Wilhelm Pinder, Walter Friedländer, Oskar Fischel, Emile Cammaerts and Sanchez Canton. "W.G.", as he was often called, also welcomed a number of refugee scholars from Nazi Germany, and among them, let it never be forgotten, Sir Nikolaus Pevsner, whose first lectures in England, *in the* spring of 1934, were, surprisingly enough in view of his subsequent achievements, on Italian Baroque painting.

Constable's own range was remarkable. He gave many lectures, but in addition, from time to time, seminars: I recall a brilliant one on the provenance of the Wilton Diptych. In the institute his influence was pervasive: always kind, generous, approachable, and a fountain of ideas. "You are off on a study tour of Italy? Let me help you map it out. And I will write you a note of introduction to Mr Berenson." (That led, with singular courtesy towards an unknown student, to an invitation for luncheon, never to be forgotten.) That was how it was, all the time.

His marriage to Olivia Carson Roberts was profoundly happy. Their departure for America in 1938 was a sad loss to us in London, but the Boston Museum of *Fine Arts*, to their honour, never asked him to renounce his British citizenship.

M Jean Servais, the French actor, has died in Paris at the age of 66. Belgian born, he went to Paris in the 1930s and appeared in more than 50 films and many plays. One of his last stage roles was the Marquis de Sade in *Marat/Sade*, at the Sarah Bernhardt Theatre.

Brigadier W. H. Blood, MVO, who commanded the Guides Cavalry in India from 1931 to 1936, has died at the age of 88. Retiring in 1936, he rejoined the army in 1940 and became Chief Administrative Officer, GHQ (India) in 1942.

## 25 years ago

**From The Times of Wednesday, February 21, 1951**

The George and Vulture, one of the oldest chop-houses in the City, famous because of the use that Dickens made of it in Pickwick, has been granted a new term of life and will continue as a restaurant.

It was reported in *The Times* on February 2 that the firm which has carried on the restaurant for many years had been *informed* by Williams Deacon's Bank Limited, which bought the property before the last war, that the bank wished to take possession so that the restaurant would have to shut in the near future.

## Latest wills

Mr Albert Marcus, of Westcliff-on-Sea, left £333,863 net. After personal bequests he left the balance equally between the Jewish Welfare Board, the Norwood *Charitable Trust*, and Jewish Blind Society.

Miss Alice Annie Webb, of Golders Green, London left £3...net. She left her property equally between the Salvation Army, the Cancer Research Campaign, the Save the Children Fund, National Association for Mental Health, RNIB, and NSPCC.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed): Kirkham, Mr Robert Roy, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, company director ........ £133...

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Boxing

# Sterling is third time lucky in 13th

From Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent
Hamburg, Feb 20

Bunny Sterling won the vacant European middleweight title for Britain here this evening amid controversy when the Italian referee, Dino Ambrosini, declared Sterling had gained a "technical knockout" over his German opponent Frank Reiche, at the end of the thirteenth round.

If that sounds confusing it is not surprising. Mr Ambrosini told me that, even though the bell had sounded for the end of the thirteenth round, he had counted to eight and then decided that the by now stabbing Reiche, who had been floored by a cracking left and right to the head from Sterling, was in no state to continue.

After his brief conversation with me through the ropes the referee was escorted by police from the ring while the crowd, good natured enough in view of the doubtful ending, hurled programmes, abuse and, finally some water from the bucket in Reiche's corner at the departing official.

Ray Clarke, the general secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, who was sitting at the ringside declared that the referee's decision was within the rules of the European Boxing Union though later a German member of that body spoke critically from the ringside to the crowd on the same matter.

I would have been happier to have seen the contest continue for the two final rounds. Even though Sterling, on my card, was ahead on points, the Jamaican-born British challenger had been down for a count of five in the eleventh round and the knockdown he scored over Reiche in the 13th came at a time when we were wondering whether Sterling was once again going to fall in his third attempt to win this European title at 11 st 6 lb.

Compulsory counts, by which it is meant the tolling of the seconds even over an upright boxer, are an introduction of the spirit of amateur boxing into the professional sport which has not pleased everyone even though it is for the safety of the boxer. Even more a matter of debate among the bent-nosed purists is the idea that a count can continue after the bell. At the very least it removes from the list of the most popular cliches the well-used phrase "saved by the bell".

If there was any logic to professional boxing then Sterling's first defence of the title he won this evening should be against Reiche, who stood in his corner at first bemused by Sterling's damaging blows, then puzzled, and finally dismayed by the decision which meant his challenge was over. I thought the boxing enthusiasts of this city behaved well, even though I could understand the frantic comment of Sterling's manager, George Francis, as he leant through the ropes and entreated us, "Don't let them cheat us out of it", as the booing and whistling increased.

The basic pattern of all that happened before the controversy was Sterling's left jab scoring far more often, but with much less power, than Reiche's dangerous right hand. I gave the British challenger all but three of the completed 13 rounds, but he did not always put his blows in with authority, and Reiche, in spite of a cut under his right eye, proved he was still strong when he launched a counter-attack in the eighth round and, far more explosively, in the eleventh.

Sterling had been showing a disturbing tendency to drop his left hand after jabbing and Reiche at last was able to make the most of it in the eleventh round when a classically short right hand punch sent Sterling down in a daze. As far as I could tell amid the delighted roars from the crowd, Sterling was up at five and then the bell came to his aid.

The British challenger still looked out of sorts when the twelfth round started but he bobbed, ducked and weaved and ran for at least a minute and a half, looking thoroughly gun shy, until he stuck in enough left jabs to give Reiche something to think about.

Reiche kept forcing during the thirteenth round and Sterling was slow to jab back. Halfway through the round Sterling was warned for holding and hitting and then, after landing a crisp left jab he shot out a left and right combination, as Reiche was coming in, which sent the German crashing down to the canvas. Reiche was up, I think, at four and stood by his own corner while the referee counted to eight and then decided, after some preliminary confusion that the bout was over and Britain after a stay in the doldrums had at least one European boxing champion.

Sterling's jab helped put to sleep a popular cliché.

*Chris Finnegan, the British light-heavyweight champion, stepped out of Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, yesterday into retirement. He had had an operation for a detached retina of the right eye. Finnegan faced the world wearing dark glasses, a dark suit with a carnation in his buttonhole.*

Football

# Newcastle hold key to significant week

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

While the continent has only recently emerged from its midwinter sleep, the British game has soldiered on in a variety of conditions that have embraced almost everything. The league programme in England, in particular, has offered little respite to those still left in the FA Cup and indeed, a number of critical matches are about to tumble over each other in the near future. There is no chance for a catnap these days.

Next week, for instance, when Newcastle United meet Bolton Wanderers for a third time in the FA Cup and Norwich City at last come to grips with Bradford City after influenza had forced two postponements, there is an important league contest at Upton Park on Monday between West Ham United and Leeds United. In spite of recent lapses, Leeds hold two matches in hand over the leaders and are still very much in the race for the title.

On Tuesday, Arsenal face Liverpool, top of the parade on goal average, at Highbury. Here is a meeting of some significance at either end of the ladder. Wednesday present runners-up, face to face with Derby County at Old Trafford. When all this is over what will the position be and who will be in the quarter-finals round of the Cup? And at the end of it—next Saturday—Manchester City meet Newcastle United at Wembley in the final of the League Cup.

Newcastle meanwhile have been grumbling about having to play two important Cup ties within five days of each other. They forget that Manchester City themselves won the European Cup Winners' Cup in Vienna on a Wednesday in 1970 and crowned that with a League Cup triumph at Wembley on the Saturday. Memories are short.

This afternoon, too, presents several points of reference. To begin at the bottom and work upwards is the normal pattern of life. Here we find four clubs, all fighting relegation, crossing each other's paths—Arsenal v Birmingham City and Wolverhampton Wanderers v Burnley. Many nerves will be exposed and no one will be expected to offer the other cheek at such a moment. Arsenal, for one, will have Powling back in defence, with Storey dropped, and Radford, a constant victim of injury this season, about to play his first game at Highbury since December 20.

At the top end Liverpool, hoping Thompson will be fit after their hard and finely won draw at Old Trafford on Wednesday, face a Newcastle side which will probably have its mind mostly on Monday's FA Cup replay at neutral Leeds. Manchester United, for their part, unchanged and unbeaten in 14 matches, appear at Villa Park hoping to maintain their successes this season against Aston Villa—a 2—0 win at Old Trafford in the League and a 2—1 League Cup.

Villa have gone six matches without a win, collecting only two points on the way. But this time Little will be on parade for the first time since undergoing a cartilage operation in October. Last season Little played an important role in Villa's promotion, but scored only once in 12 league matches this year before his injury. Naturally, he is anxious to regain his old goal touch and reestablish himself in Don Revie's international plans.

Up north Leeds face a tough Yorkshire argument with Middlesbrough and may have to turn to the 19-year-old Parkinson, who will make his bow to senior football should Madeley be unfit. With Bremner still out of action and Cherry suspended, Leeds cannot afford to waste their games in hand.

Two others of the front runners—the race for the title can now virtually be reduced to five at the outside—are in London this afternoon. Queens Park Rangers, with McLintock fit at centre-half again, take on Ipswich Town at Loftus Road. At Upton Park, West Ham meet Derby County and can say farewell to any thoughts of the championship if they fail to win. Their high hopes of earlier days turned to ashes in a bad run since the new year and they now seem left only with the European Cup Winners' Cup as any compensation.

Derby still fancy themselves for the title but today may be without both Rioch and Nish in addition to Lee and Davies who are both unfit. Whether they risk them now with Old Trafford coming up next Wednesday is a delicate point for their manager Dave Mackay, a man of brave decisions. Reserve strength may hold the key now.

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| Manchester U | 29 | 16 | 8 | 5 | 45 | 26 | 40 |
| QP Rangers | 30 | 14 | 10 | 6 | 43 | 24 | 38 |
| Derby County | 29 | 16 | 6 | 7 | 48 | 38 | 38 |
| Leeds United | 27 | 15 | 5 | 7 | 45 | 28 | 35 |
| Ipswich Town | 29 | 10 | 12 | 7 | 36 | 29 | 32 |
| West Ham U | 29 | 13 | 6 | 10 | 38 | 41 | 32 |
| Manchester C | 29 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 44 | 28 | 31 |
| Middlesbro | 29 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 31 | 28 | 30 |
| Newcastle Utd | 28 | 11 | 7 | 10 | 53 | 40 | 29 |
| Stoke City | 28 | 11 | 7 | 10 | 34 | 34 | 29 |
| Everton | 28 | 9 | 11 | 8 | 44 | 50 | 29 |
| Leicester City | 29 | 8 | 13 | 8 | 32 | 39 | 29 |
| Coventry City | 29 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 31 | 38 | 28 |
| Norwich City | 28 | 10 | 7 | 11 | 43 | 42 | 27 |
| Tottenham H | 29 | 7 | 13 | 9 | 39 | 47 | 27 |
| Aston Villa | 29 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 34 | 41 | 25 |
| Arsenal | 29 | 8 | 7 | 14 | 32 | 38 | 23 |
| Birmingham C | 29 | 9 | 4 | 16 | 41 | 56 | 22 |
| Burnley | 30 | 6 | 8 | 16 | 30 | 46 | 20 |
| Wolverhampton | 29 | 6 | 7 | 16 | 30 | 47 | 19 |
| Sheffield Utd | 29 | 2 | 7 | 20 | 30 | 56 | 11 |

# Scots not to go to Belfast on May 8

Scotland have refused to play their British championship match against Northern Ireland, scheduled for May 8, in Belfast. The decision came only hours after Scotland had been fined £200 by UEFA for failing to play a youth international qualifying tie in Northern Ireland.

William Drennan, secretary of the Irish FA, said: "Scotland are refusing to play here. They are being very dogmatic and have said they will not come to Belfast as long as the troubles continue. It means we will have to go to them. The trouble is they are also at home to Wales and England and the European Cup Final is also being played at Hampden Park, all in the space of 10 days. At the moment it looks as though our game will be played at either Aberdeen or Edinburgh."

Ireland are upset at Scotland's attitude. In the past year England, Wales, Yugoslavia, Sweden and Norway have played there, as have European club sides like Eintracht Frankfurt, Ajax and PSV Eindhoven. A Scottish FA spokesman confirmed: "We will not go to Belfast. The match will be played somewhere else in Britain."

After last week's Scottish Cup ties the premier division struggle is resumed today, and Celtic, the leaders, and Rangers, who are one point behind them, can be excused for feeling a little apprehensive. When Celtic last faced Aberdeen at home, in December, they were beaten 2—0; when Rangers met Ayr United at Somerset Park in October they lost 3—0.

Rangers are especially keen to keep up their recent run of success. They could pull off the big treble by adding the championship and the Scottish Cup to the League Cup they have already won. Jackson, Forsyth and Johnstone are fit, so Rangers are almost certain to field the side that beat Aberdeen 4—1 in the cup last Saturday.

Celtic, having failed in both cups, are determined to win the league, but they are uncertain about whom to play in goal. Both the former England under-23 international, Latchford, and the Scotland cap, Hunter, are in their party. Aberdeen may bring back Clark, a former Scotland international goalkeeper, whose last first team appearance was on November 15.

The game of the day could be between Motherwell and Hibernian. A possible Scottish Cup rehearsal, should Hibernian beat Dundee United in their fourth-round replay on Wednesday; defeat could spell the end of either club's championship challenge.

## Yesterday's results

**Fourth division**

Stockport C (0) 1 Massey (pen) 2,707 — Barnsley (0) 1 Gorry

Swansea (0) 0 4,253 — Exeter (1) 2 Bear (2), Bowker

Tranmere R (0) 2 James, Mitchell — Crewe Alex (1) 1 Nelson 4,506

RUGBY UNION: Gloucester 33, Swansea 20; Abertillery 20, London Scottish 6; Moseley 24, Metropolitan Police 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Castleford 26, St Helens 10; Salford 7, Leeds 6.

## For the Record

### Tennis

ST LOUIS, MISSOURI: WCT tournament: Quarter-final round: G. Vilas (Argentina), 6—4, 6—3; W. Martin (US) beat K. Rosewall (Australia), 6—3, 3—6, 6—4.

SALISBURY, MARYLAND: Indoor tournament: J. S. Connors (US) beat B. Teacher (US), 6—1, 6—4; H. Rahim (Pakistan) beat V. Gerulaitis (US), 6—3, 6—1; I. Nastase (Romania) beat P. Fleming (US), 6—5, 6—4.

MONTPELLIER: King's Cup: France beat Spain, 3—0.

HANOVER: King's Cup: West Germany beat Sweden, 2—1.

BUDAPEST: King's Cup: Hungary beat Italy, 3—0.

ROME: Men's singles: R. Stockton (US) beat T. Okker (Netherlands), 6—3, 6—2; A. Ashe (US) beat S. Smith (US), 5—7, 6—4, 6—4. Doubles: R. Crealy (Australia) and F. McMillan (SA) beat I. el Shafei (Egypt) and B. Fairlie (NZ), 6—4, 6—5.

### Cricket

ADELAIDE: Sheffield Shield: Victoria 247 (G. N. Yallop 77, P. A. Hibbert 52; A. A. Mallett 4—58, R. Hogg 3—56, T. J. Jenner 3—89); South Australia 26 for 2.

### Bowls

JOHANNESBURG: World Championships: Pairs, fourth round: Guernsey 17, Wales 17; Scotland 34, Malawi 14; Hong Kong 17, New Zealand 15; Western Samoa 28, Jersey 12; United States 21, Ireland 15; Australia 66, Japan 3; England 21, Israel 15; South Africa 29, Rhodesia 7. Triples, fourth round: Australia 37, Japan 5; Wales 29, Guernsey 10; New Zealand 19, Hong Kong 18; Scotland 22, Malawi 14; Ireland 21, United States 13; Jersey 16, Western Samoa 11; England 18, Israel 17; South Africa 32, Rhodesia 7.

### Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Buffalo Sabres 5, Atlanta Flames 1; Pittsburgh Penguins 7, Toronto Maple Leafs 5.

WORLD ASSOCIATION: Indiana Racers 10, New England Whalers 3; Houston Aeros 6, Cleveland Crusaders 5.

Yachting

# Elimination series likely for Australian challenge

Sydney, Feb 20.—Two new 12-metre yachts may take part in elimination races in the United States to decide Australia's challenger for the America's Cup in 1977, yachting authorities said here today. They were commenting on an announcement in Perth yesterday that Alan Bond, of Western Australia, who had challenged unsuccessfully in 1974, was building a new yacht for 1977.

The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron and Bond's Sun City Yacht Club had both had challenges accepted by the New York Yacht Club, which organizes the series, the authorities here said. They said the New York Yacht Club favoured holding all eliminations off Newport, Rhode Island, and that boats from Sweden, France and Britain could also be invited.

Such an elimination series would have to be agreed to by both Australian contending squadrons, the authorities said. In 1967 Dame Pattie defeated Gretel in a sail-off here to decide the Australian challenger to take on Intrepid in the Cup series. Gretel (1962), Dame Pattie (1967), Gretel II (1970) and Southern Cross (1974) have made unsuccessful Cup challenges from Australia, winning only two races between them in the best-of-seven series.

Bond's announcement on his new challenger yesterday ended speculation that he intended making his 1977 attempt with an updated version of Southern Cross.

Meanwhile, Alan Payne, designer of the two Gretels, is at work on the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron's new challenger, Matilda.

Matilda is being launched as a "peoples's boat", financed by public subscription instead of by the usual syndicate of wealthy businessmen. Olympic yachtsman Jim Hardy, who was at the helm of Gretel II and Southern Cross and is the prospective skipper of Matilda, is leading the campaign for the Matilda fund.—Reuter.

Great Britain II, the British joint services yacht in the Financial Times clipper race, seems almost certain to break the 106-year-old Sydney to London record. Great Britain II, expected to cross the finishing line at Dover next Thursday, could beat the old record by nearly two days.

At the moment, Great Britain II is sailing at more than 250 miles-a-day and her latest position—540 due west of Lisbon—gives her a 1,500 miles lead over Anaconda II, the Australian ketch.

Kriter II, the French ketch, which had to return to Sydney after five days, having lost her rudder, is still making good progress and is two-and-a-half days up on Great Britain II's times in the South Atlantic.

Tennis

# British team maintain their momentum

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Britain's progress in the reconstituted King's Cup competition, the indoor team championship of European tennis, maintained its momentum with an easy win over Yugoslavia at Nottingham Ice Stadium last evening.

John Lloyd beat Dragan Savic, 6—4, 6—3 in an hour. Christopher Mottram beat Nikola Spear, 6—2, 6—0 in 53 minutes, three of them taken up by repairs to the carpeted court after Mottram, trying to turn quickly on his size 13 shoes, had taken the first of two falls.

Britain have won seven of their nine matches in a total programme of 14—seven at home, seven away. Only Hungary, with one defeat, have a better record. But West Germany, with three defeats, are also obvious contenders for the first prize of £15,000. Run by the European Tennis Association and sponsored by Saab, this imaginative new venture deserves success. But the fixtures in Britain have so far been disappointing.

Last evening both countries one side, Nikola Pilic and Zeljko Franulovic on the other. The arena was chilly and drab, the crowd probably no more than 800. The introductory announcements suffered from poor acoustics, the scoreboard was badly placed and there were too many bad bounces. Paul Hutchins, Britain's team manager, hastened to point out that these arose from the boards ("They are not really fit for playing tennis") rather than the carpet laid on them.

Lloyd served well but, otherwise, was not particularly impressive. He was understandably inhibited after losing all six of his previous King's Cup singles since 1972. Savic is a useful player, but hardly formidable at this level. He did nothing to suggest that he will often emerge from obscurity. Lloyd treated him with rather more respect than was necessary. This win may at least have done something for the confidence of a player whose only previous singles wins for his country occurred in a Davis Cup tie against Iran.

Mottram, by contrast, seems to thrive on international team competition. His record is 2—1 in the Davis Cup and, now 10—2 in the King's Cup. Once he had settled down last evening, he hit hard and deeply, moved well, and was aggressively intimidating in charging to the net. He had too much punch, soundness and resilience for the relatively lethargic and lightweight Spear. The Yugoslav began well but lost the first set with only three points out of the last 19 and then scored only eight points in the second set. Once the ball boys and a few wandering spectators had been called to order this was, though, a much better match than its predecessor. There were many rallies rich in the thrust and counter-thrust that can make tennis delightfully geometric.

# British women fare better than men in final

Susan Barker and Linda Mottram put Britain in a strong position to win the women's BP under-21 tennis championship for the third successive year at Torquay yesterday. Both achieved singles victories in the final against the United States for a 2—0 lead with three matches to be played today.

But Britain's men, also against the United States in the final, had a much stiffer task and were level at 1—1 after the first day. Jonathan Smith was beaten for the first time this week by Ferdi Taygan, but Martin Robinson squared the match with a display of his best tennis to beat Francis Gonzales, 6—3, 5—7, 6—2.

Miss Barker, ranked No 2 in Britain, beat Stephanie Tolleson 6—3, 6—1 and Miss Mottram, staging a remarkable recovery, beat Lele Forood 6—7, 6—2, 6—2. Miss Barker was much too strong for the American No 2 but Miss Mottram had to work for her win. When she lost the first set on a tie-break, the outlook was gloomy.

She had dropped a 4—1 lead and everything appeared to be going against her, particularly as Miss Forood won the tie-breaker by 7—1. Miss Mottram, much calmer than many of the spectators, settled down.

MEN: Final: US and GB 1—1. F. Taygan beat J. R. Smith, 6—2, 7—5; M. Robinson beat F. Gonzales, 6—3, 5—7, 6—2.

WOMEN: Final: GB lead US, 2—0: Miss S. Barker beat Miss S. Tolleson, 6—3, 6—1; Miss L. Mottram beat Miss L. Forood, 6—7, 6—2, 6—2.

Rugby Union

# England's consistent selection is a sign of their optimism

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

Both teams in today's Calcutta Cup match at Murrayfield (2.45) will regard victory as a precious bonus. England need to reassure themselves that at last they are an emerging force again, Scotland that they are not a declining one. In spite of the fact that England have achieved only one victory on this ground since 1960, they have, on the respective records this season, rather more reason for optimism.

For this and the last two internationals England have made but three changes, and all of those have been forced by injury. After the victory over Australia, Cooke replaced Corless in the centre against Wales. After their defeat by the champions at Twickenham, which rightly left England not in the least downcast, the selectors were required to make two further adjustments, Old replacing Cooper at stand-off half and Plummer coming in for Squires on the right wing.

It should also be noted that England's pack has remained unchanged. Whatever may be thought about the respective merits of one or two players in key positions—the debate regarding Cooper or Old at stand-off having sparked off more argument than any other—a consistent selection should have done much for esprit de corps and confidence.

The Scottish selectors, contrastingly, have again expressed unease by wielding a hatchet. Although they made only one change, at hooker, after the somewhat fortuitous victory over Australia, they made seven (two of them positional) after the defeat by France, and they have made five more since being trounced in Cardiff.

McGeechan, who has a slight cold, reverts from stand-off to centre; McHarg, in his thirty-third international, moves from lock to No 8, a position he has always been reluctant to fill but which nature always seemed to have intended for him; the London Scottish pair of Lawson and Wilson come in at half back, the last-named winning a first cap; Tomes, a big brawny forward from the border country plays for the first time in the engine room; and Renwick, Morgan and Mackie have been dropped.

Lawson has a longer service than Morgan and no doubt the selectors thought it wise to give Wilson his club partner on a first outing. None the less, I thought Morgan particularly unlucky to lose his place after the Welsh match. His selectors used an enthusiastic axe among a midfield that endured a thoroughly difficult game in Cardiff but dealt more charitably with a front five that for a third successive occasion revealed signs of waning strength.

The hope must be that the introduction of Tomes will help restore their scrummaging power.

Alan Tomes: a 16st addition to the Scottish pack.

His size and strength may well pose some problems for England (he is 16st and 6ft 5in). If not, the writing will be writ yet more plainly, and a venerable head or two might roll.

The England coach, Peter Colston, continues to keep a refreshingly low profile but, having seen Scotland lose in Cardiff, is adamant that "they now have their backs to the wall and will be a very different kettle of fish on their own pitch". (When Scotland lost to France in January it was their first defeat at home since the New Zealand international in late 1972.)

On Thursday evening the England party watched television highlights of their game against Wales, the opening phase of which should have done their morale no harm. Colston says: "My job is to help weld the players together and to instil confidence. We are trying to be positive, so we are not doing a lot of plotting based on what the opposition might attempt. The players must have freedom to express themselves and, although it is always nice to win the handsome way, if they decide out there on the field that it can only be done the hard way that is all right by me."

It could pay England to look for a way across the gain line using Lampkowski's undoubted strength in close alliance with his loose forwards.

Old certainly has the experience, as well as the presence, to determine the right tactical pattern behind them, and I believe he may now be more disposed to feed it out, or to run loose ball at the opposition himself, than he used to be in his earlier days for England. Plummer, now making his second England appearance after a gap of seven years, has been, by all accounts, in sharp form this season. Hignell has been working hard on his line kicking and was finding a good length with his left foot at Thursday's training.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will be making her first visit to Murrayfield, where all 70,000 tickets have long been sold out. The auld enemy are always good box office here.

In spite of threats to their players, Scotland yesterday decided to play the Rugby Union international match against Ireland in Dublin on March 20.

## Teams at Murrayfield today

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| A. R. Irvine (Heriot's FP) | 15 | Full back | A. J. Hignell (Cambridge Univ) | 15 |
| W. C. C. Steele (London Scottish) | 14 | Right wing | K. C. Plummer (Bristol) | 14 |
| A. G. Cranston (Hawick) | 13 | Right centre | A. W. Maxwell (Headingley) | 13 |
| I. R. McGeechan (Headingley) | 12 | Left centre | D. A. Cooke (Harlequins) | 12 |
| D. Shedden (West of Scotland) | 11 | Left wing | D. J. Duckham (Coventry) | 11 |
| R. Wilson (West of Scotland) | 10 | Stand-off | A. G. B. Old (Middlesbrough) | 10 |
| A. J. M. Lawson (London Scottish) | 9 | Scrum half | M. S. Lampkowski (Headingley) | 9 |
| J. McLauchlan* (Jordanhill) | 1 | Prop | M. A. Burton (Gloucester) | 1 |
| C. D. Fisher (Waterloo) | 2 | Hooker | P. J. Wheeler (Leicester) | 2 |
| A. B. Carmichael (West of Scotland) | 3 | Prop | F. E. Cotton (Sale) | 3 |
| A. J. Tomes (Hawick) | 4 | Lock | W. B. Beaumont (Fylde) | 4 |
| G. L. Brown (West of Scotland) | 5 | Lock | R. M. Wilkinson (Bedford) | 5 |
| M. A. Biggar (London Scottish) | 6 | Flanker | M. Keyworth (Swansea) | 6 |
| A. F. McHarg (London Scottish) | 8 | No 8 | A. G. Ripley (Rosslyn Park) | 8 |
| D. G. Leslie (West of Scotland) | 7 | Flanker | A. Neary* (Broughton Park) | 7 |

* Captain

Referee: D. M. Lloyd (Wales)

# Police pay the penalty of being slow on their feet

By Gordon Allan

Moseley 24 Met Police 0

Barrie Corless, the England centre three-quarter, who left Coventry this week, made his first appearance for Moseley at the Reddings last night. He did not score, but he frequently looked Metropolitan Police [illegible] and two penalty goals to nothing.

The Police were a shade unlucky that the scoreboard showed a blank beside their name. The fact was, however, that they were slow compared with Moseley, and were unable to kick their penalties, of which they were given the chance of four. Burrell missed three of them and Napier the other. Moseley were not brilliant, but they were still too slick behind the scrummage for the Police, and Thomas and Smith on the wings did a lot of dangerous running. As for Corless, he joined up well with Watson-Jones in the centre and altogether provided a touch of class in midfield.

Things looked ominous for the Police early on. Moseley, as though intent on exorcising the memory of their John Player Cup defeat by Wakefield, scored a goal and a penalty in the first quarter, and on pressure ought to have scored more. Akenhead put the penalty over when the Police centres strayed offside at a maul, and then converted a try by Smith, who turned the defence to stone by coming inside Watson-Jones and streaking through between the posts. Burrell missed all his penalties in this time, which was almost all we saw of the Police. Police 25 and Akenhead struck his angled conversion well and accurately.

Five minutes into the second half Smith was stopped near the Police posts, but the Police were penalized at the ruck and Akenhead kicked the goal. The game then became bogged down and the crowd restive.

At length, however, a few minutes before the end, Moseley scored again. Nutt came off a set scrummage in the Police 25, Warren supported him, and King dotted the ball down between the posts. Akenhead converted.

MOSELEY: R. Akenhead; A. Thomas, B. J. Corless, A. Watson-Jones, R. Smith; D. C. Everest, J. Wilson; J. Hecht, A. Brindley, J. Moore, R. Field, B. Ayre, S. King, D. Nutt, D. Warren.

METROPOLITAN POLICE: I. Burrell; I. Pike, M. G. Gray, D. G. Jones, S. Tiddy; D. G. Napier, J. H. Montgomery; P. Swift, B. Gage, G. Envis, R. M. Beves, A. Patrick, A. Moore, S. Hughes, S. Wilkinson.

Referee: Wing Commander D. Williams (Notts, Lincs and Derby).

# Cambridge call off match with Blackheath

Cambridge University have called off their match with Blackheath in London today after a mix-up over dates. "We are spellbound by the news", said the Blackheath secretary, Barry Nealon.

"Cambridge apparently assumed the game would be played on Sunday. But it's down on the fixture list for Saturday and in fact we confirmed the game last Tuesday.

"We want to know a little more about it before apportioning blame but at such late notice it's extremely annoying. If England play an international at home we usually switch fixtures but our policy is to honour games on a Saturday if the national side are away."

The Cambridge groundsman, Michael Hayward, who is responsible for organizing the travelling arrangements of the side, said: "There's been a misunderstanding over the date. We thought the game would be played on Sunday.

Saracens have been forced to make one change from the side that sank US Portsmouth by 60 points to nil last week for the more serious challenge of Rosslyn Park at Southgate today.

# McKinney comes in as Slattery drops out

From an Irish Rugby Correspondent
Dublin, Feb 20

Although he took an active and seemingly untroubled part in the training session on the Old Belvedere ground at Anglesea Road today, Fergus Slattery told the selectors afterwards that he was not satisfied with his fitness and wished to withdraw from the Irish team to meet Wales at Lansdowne Road this afternoon. His replacement is Stewart McKinney, of Dungannon, who makes his fourteenth appearance at flank forward. Slattery felt that a severely bruised knee ligament needed a further week of rest and treatment. Each team has lost the No 6 forward originally chosen but as in almost every other position the Welsh change seems to matter less than that forced upon their opponents.

Three seasons ago David was rated as among the leading flankers in any rugby playing country, but ever since has been so cruelly plagued by injuries that his only two matches for his country were against France and Australia in 1973. More significantly he was a member of the Barbarian XV before gaining his first cap in that historic match against the All Blacks in January of that year. In contrast the Irish selectors have never been entirely convinced that McKinney's game is of the highest quality even though he was a 1974 Lion in South Africa. He was omitted from the final trial last month, then picked for the Australian match, retained against France when Slattery was discarded and, after losing his place for today's affair, finds himself popping up again like a jack-in-the-box.

No rugby follower in Ireland can recall such an air of doom as is pervading Dublin at the moment. The margins of defeat in the last game of last season at Cardiff and the first two of the present campaign have been wider than at any period since the earliest days of international meetings when Ireland were slower to develop than England and Scotland. There is a dearth of physique in the country at present in the two vital second row positions.

The main troubles have been concentrated in the pack but naturally they have had a sharply adverse effect on a back division deprived of a reasonable ration of attacking ball. The loss of Milliken through injury for the whole season has broken up a three-quarter line which had developed as close an understanding as that of the Welsh and no right centre of quality has come forth to fill the gap. McIlrath was anonymous in the first two matches and the decision to shift Lavery today from his post on the wing is simply astonishing. There is, apparently, much faith in his prowess as a tackler.

Having experimented with the youthful half back pairing of Campbell and Robbie against Australia, the selectors have reached the logical conclusion that experience and weight are the essential ingredients there for this test so McGann is retained and is provided with his Munster scrum half partner, Canniffe, 6ft tall and over 14st in weight.

IRELAND: A. H. Ensor (Wanderers); T. O. Grace (St Mary's, captain), P. J. Lavery (London Irish), B. J. McGann, C. M. H. Gibson (NIFC), D. M. Canniffe (Lansdowne); P. Orr (Old Wesley), J. Cantrell (UCD), P. O'Callaghan (Dolphin), M. I. Keane (Lansdowne), R. F. Hakin (CYMS), S. M. Deering (Garryowen), W. P. Duggan (Blackrock), S. A. McKinney (Dungannon).

WALES: J. P. R. Williams (London Welsh); T. G. R. Davies (Cardiff), R. W. Gravell (Llanelli), S. P. Fenwick (Bridgend), J. J. Williams (Llanelli); P. Bennett (Llanelli), G. O. Edwards (Cardiff); A. Faulkner (Pontypool), R. W. Windsor (Pontypool), G. Price (Pontypool), A. J. Martin (Aberavon), G. A. D. Wheel (Swansea), T. P. David (Pontypridd), T. M. Davies (Swansea, captain), T. P. Evans (Swansea).

Referee, N. R. Sanson (Scotland).

## Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

### First division

Arsenal v Birmingham
Aston Villa v Manchester U
Leeds v Middlesbrough
Leicester v Sheffield U
Liverpool v Newcastle
Manchester C v Everton
Norwich v Coventry
QPR v Ipswich
Stoke v Tottenham
West Ham v Derby
Wolves v Burnley

### Second division

Blackburn v Portsmouth
Blackpool v Oxford
Bristol C v Notts Forest
Carlisle v Bolton
Fulham v York City
Hull v West Bromwich
Notts Co v Chelsea
Oldham v Luton
Plymouth v Bristol R
Southampton v Orient
Sunderland v Charlton

### Third division

Brighton v Halifax
Bury v Preston (3.15)
Chester v Port Vale
Chesterfield v Walsall (3.15)
Colchester v Cardiff
C Palace v Wrexham
Gillingham v Millwall
Hereford v Southend
Mansfield v Grimsby
Rotherham v Shrewsbury
Sheffield Wed v Aldershot
Swindon v Peterborough

### Fourth division

Cambridge U v Rochdale
Darlington v Huddersfield
Hartlepool v Bradford
Lincoln v Workington
Newport v Doncaster (6.30)
Reading v Torquay
Scunthorpe v B'mouth (3.15)
Southport v Northampton
Watford v Brentford

SOUTHERN LEAGUE, Premier Division: Bath v Wimbledon, Burton v Maidstone, Chelmsford v Kettering, Dover v Cambridge City, Gravesend v Wealdstone, Nuneaton v Yeovil, Stourbridge v Telford, Tonbridge v Dunstable. First Division—North: Barry v King's Lynn, Corby v Barnet, Gloucester v AP Leamington, Milton Keynes v Cheltenham, Oswestry v Enderby, Redditch v Witney, Stevenage v Tamworth, Worcester v Kidderminster. South: Andover v Guildford/Dorking, Ashford v Romford, Bexley v Folkestone/Shepway, Bognor Regis v Poole, Dartford v Basingstoke, Metropolitan Police v Dorchester, Minehead v Canterbury, Ramsgate v Salisbury, Trowbridge v Hastings, Waterlooville v Crawley.

FA TROPHY: (third round): Altrincham v Bromsgrove, Harwich & Parkeston v Bedford, Lancaster v Enfield, Runcorn v Slough Town, Scarborough v Dagenham, Stafford Rangers v Matlock, Tooting & Mitcham v Morecambe, Wigan Ath v Hillingdon.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division: Cheshunt v Letchworth; Erith and Belvedere v Egham; Grays Athletic v Rainham; Marlow v Leyton-Wingate; Rodhill v Alton; Ruislip Manor v Lewes; Worthing v Edmonton-Haringey.

F.A. VASE: Sixth round: Cadbury Heath v Billericay (2.30); Farnborough v Barton Rovers (2.30); Friar Lane OB v South Shields (2.30); Stevenage v Addlestone (2.30).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Altrincham v Gt Harwood, Bangor City v Netherfield, Fleetwood v Macclesfield, Gateshead v Buxton, Mossley v Worksop, Northwich Victoria v Goole, South Liverpool v Gainsborough. Cup Third round replay: Boston United v Barrow.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Bishop's Stortford v Barking; Hitchin v Clapton; Walthamstow Avenue v Leatherhead; Woking v Leytonstone.

### Scottish premier division

Aberdeen v Celtic
Ayr v Rangers
Dundee v St Johnstone
Hearts v Dundee Utd (3.15)
Motherwell v Hibernian

### Scottish first division

Airdrie v St Mirren
Clyde v Hamilton
Dumbarton v Arbroath
Dunfermline v Partick
East Fife v Queen of South
Kilmarnock v Falkirk
Montrose v Morton

### Scottish second division

Berwick v Cowdenbeath
E Stirling v Clydebank
Forfar v Albion Rovers
Meadowbank v Stranraer
Queen's Park v Alloa
Stenhousemuir v Brechin
Postponed: Stirling Albion v Raith Rovers

### Hockey

UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford v Cambridge (Lord's, 2.30).

LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham v Maidenhead; Blackheath v Southgate; Cheam v Old Kingstonians; Hampstead v Guildford; Mid-Surrey v Bromley; Reading v Dulwich; Richmond v Slough; Spencer v St Albans; Teddington v Hounslow; Wimbledon v Surbiton.

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final round: Lancashire v Surrey (West Derby, Liverpool, 2.0).

EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Blueharts v Welwyn Garden City; Broxbourne v Bedfordshire Eagles; Bury YMCA v Chelmsford; Colchester v Westcliff; Norfolk Wanderers v Bishop's Stortford; Old Southendians v Pelicans.

OTHER MATCHES: Epsom v Worthing; Oxford Hawks v City of Oxford; RAF v Tulse Hill (Vine Lane).

WOMEN'S MATCHES: Warwickshire v Hunts and Peterborough (Coventry); Nottinghamshire v Lancashire (Boots, Nottingham); WRNS v Sussex (Portsmouth); London University v Birmingham University (Motspur Park); East Juniors v Cambridge University (Cambridge); Hampshire II v Army (Southampton).

### Lacrosse

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Lee v London University; Hampstead v Buckhurst Hill; Oxford University v St Helier; Purley v Kenton.

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Boardman and Eccles v Old Stopfordians; Heaton Mersey v Urmston; Mellor v Cheadle; Sheffield University v South Manchester and W; Stockport v Old Hulmeians.

OTHER MATCHES: Kenton A v Cambridge University Eagles; Croydon v Cambridge University.

WOMEN'S TERRITORIAL TOURNAMENT: West v North (11.0); East v Midlands (12.0); West v South (2.0) (at Bournemouth).

### Rugby Union

**International matches**

Ireland v Wales (Dublin)
Scotland v England (Murrayfield, 2.45)

**Services tournament**

Army v RAF (Twickenham)

**Club matches**

Boroughmuir v Roundhay (11.0)
Bridgend v Pontypool (3.15)
Bridgwater & A v O Edwardians (12.30)
Coventry v Northampton
Devonport Services v Penzance & N
Edinburgh Acads v Heriot's FP (11.0)
Esher v Loughborough Colls
Glamorgan Wdrs v Lydney (11.30)
Glasgow High v Birkenhead Pk (11.0)
Gosforth v Wilmslow
Harrogate v Waterloo
Hartlepool Rvrs v Nottingham
Hawick v Edinburgh Wdrs (11.0)
Huddersfield v Halifax
Langholm v West Hartlepool (10.30)
Manchester v Fylde
Northern v Hull & ER
Orrell v Liverpool
Oxford Univ v OMT (2.30)
Penarth v Tredegar (3.15)
Plymouth Alb v Redruth (7.0)
Pontypridd v Broughton Park
Richmond v Bristol (2.45)
Rugby v Nuneaton
St Lukes Coll v Streatham/Croydon
Sale v Bradford
Saracens v Rosslyn Park
South Wales Police v Maesteg
Taunton v Clifton (2.30)
Torquay Ath v St Ives
US Portsmouth v Harlequins (2.30)
Weston-s-Mare v Birmingham (2.30)
Wasps v Leicester (2.30)

### Rugby League

First division

Huddersfield v Bradford Northern

### Cross country running

Metropolitan League (Chingford); Kent League (Canterbury); Surrey League (Petersham); Sussex League (Worthing); Chiltern League Mob Match (Aylesbury); Women's Parade Trophy (Chingford).

### Athletics

Open Indoor Meeting (at RAF Cosford, near Wolverhampton).

## Tomorrow

### Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES: Bedford v Cheltenham (2.30); London Irish v Guy's Hospital (2.45); Old Belvedere v London Welsh (2.30).

### Rugby League

FIRST DIVISION: Hull Kingston Rovers v Warrington (2.45); Keighley v Featherstone Rovers; Swinton v Dewsbury; Wakefield Trinity v Widnes (3.30); Wigan v Oldham.

SECOND DIVISION: Bramley v Hull (3.30); Doncaster v Leigh; Huyton v York; Rochdale H v Whitehaven; Workington T v New Hunslet.

### Hockey

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Preliminary round: Bristol v Slough; Furness v Bury St Edmunds YMCA; RAOC v Nottingham (at RAF Gaydon, Warwickshire); Isca v Timperley.

LONDON LEAGUE: Mid-Surrey v St Albans; Southgate v London University (2.30).

MIDDLESEX CUP: Quarter-final round: Hounslow v Southgate (11.0).

COUNTY MATCHES: Cambridgeshire v Bedfordshire (at Royston); Essex v Norfolk (at Westcliff); Army Under-21 v Hampshire Under-21 (Aldershot); Royal Navy v Western Counties (Plymouth).

## Television highlights

**BBC 1**

Football: Preview (12.20)
Boxing: Ali v Coopman (12.40)
Racing: Chepstow races at 1.15, 1.45, 2.20
Rugby Union: Scotland v England (2.35); Ireland v Wales (4.15)
Athletics: European Indoor championships (4.35)
Football: Match of the Day (10.5)
Boxing: Ali v Coopman (about 11.0)

**IBA—tomorrow**

Football: Big Match (2.0)

**BBC 2**

Rugby Union: Scotland v England, Ireland v Wales (7.0)

**IBA**

Football: Preview (12.35)
Handball: Britain v Poland (1.0)
Racing: Nottingham races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.35; Newcastle races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.55
Skiing: American free-style competition (3.10)
Wrestling: Southend promotion (4.0)

Racing

# Rubstic to advertise his Aintree aims by taking Welsh National

By Michael Seely

Rubstic, trained by Gordon Richards at Greystoke, is my selection to win the Welsh Grand National, sponsored by Joe Coral, at Chepstow this afternoon. If Rubstic had not had the misfortune to come up against the most improved steeplechaser in training, Forest King, in his last two outings, he would be undefeated in four races in succession. Richards must have heaved a sigh of relief when Forest King was finally declared for today's Elder Steeplechase at Newcastle.

Last time out at Haydock Park, Rubstic was fencing like a stag in the lead when he made his only mistake and was hampered at a vital stage of the race. He rallied in magnificent fashion in the straight, but though he managed to pass Lord Browndodd and beat him by seven lengths, he was still sixth, six lengths adrift of Forest King at the line. Lord Browndodd can have little chance of reversing the placings on today's terms and the chief threats should be posed by Gylippus and Another Muddle.

After Gylippus had spreadeagled a small but useful field at Leicester recently, an exuberant Mrs Jennie Pitman declared that not only had her 25-length winner been in need of the race when beaten by Jolly's Clump at Warwick, but also that his preparation had been timed to produce him at his peak on Welsh Grand National day.

In consequence, she had advised his owners to back Gylippus when his price was 20-1. Another Muddle, a progressive stayer trained by Stan Mellor, had his sequence of three wins in succession halted by Tamalin at Wetherby. But Tamalin is potential Cheltenham Gold Cup material and Another Muddle meets nothing of that quality today. The Fred Rimell-trained pair, Rag Trade and Iceman, are others to be considered, but I take the well-handicapped Rubstic to advertise his Aintree prospects by beating Gylippus and Another Muddle.

The rest of the Chepstow programme seems to present insoluble problems with the possible exception of the Cavalry Hunter Steeplechase (2.55), which should be won by the brilliant point-to-pointer, Sidney, a fourth-fence casualty when a heavily backed favourite for the race at Wetherby won by Ptarmigan III. With more hope than faith, I am trying to catch the unpredictable Orosio in one of his more cooperative moods by selecting him for the Clive Graham Trophy Handicap (1.45). Our late colleague, in whose honour the race is named, would have dearly loved to see us burning the midnight oil over this tricky handicap for staying hurdlers.

In contrast to Chepstow's card, the programme at Lingfield Park fairly bristles with quality. The Wantage stable of Peter Bailey has struck a welcome vein of winning form recently and Bailey can take this afternoon's principal races, the Manifesto Handicap Steeplechase (3.0) and the Jerry M. Handicap Steeplechase (4.0) with Zeta's Son and Canasta Lad.

Zeta's Son looked home and dried when clear of his field at the final fence in the Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham last March, but after surviving a catastrophic blunder could finish only third to Broncho II. A clever victory over Mr Snowman in a conditions race at Newbury last Saturday marked Zeta's Son's return to his best. On today's forecast, soft ground, Zeta's Son should outpace Money Market, still one of the joint favourites for the Grand National despite his fourth behind Even Up and Ceol-Na-Mara at Newbury. Judged on that running, Ceol-Na-Mara represents the main danger to Zeta's Son today.

# Forest King to extend winning run

By Jim Snow

No young horse has jumped more swiftly and spectacularly from obscurity into the front rank of steeplechasers this season than Forest King, the mount of David Munro and my selection for today's Elder Handicap Steeplechase at Newcastle. Run over four miles and one furlong, at just under £5,000 it is the most valuable race over four miles so far this season.

Forest King, whose ancestry is not proved but is said to be by Rubor, a horse of little distinction on the racecourse, cost a little over £100 in 1969 as a yearling. It was an inspired purchase by his owner and trainer, Ken Hogg, who keeps no more than two or three horses on his farm near Penrith and is a permit holder. Forest King did not see a racecourse until he was four, when he ran twice unplaced over hurdles.

Last season, at five, he won five of his 11 hurdle races, but this was merely a sweetener as to what lay ahead. His record now is eight victories over fences from 10 starts, handicaps interspersed with valuable novice steeplechases, and he seems to improve every time he runs. When he won Haydock Park's important Grand National trial over three miles and a half on February 11 under an 8lb penalty, he gave what was probably his best performance.

The Haydock fences are not puny affairs. They are sturdily built and several have the Liverpool drop on the landing sides. Of Forest King's 11 rivals, the best may be Quick Reply, winner of the Scottish Grand National three years ago, and on the backward side when he made his first appearance of the season and finished fourth to Forest King in the Haydock race.

Michael Easterby's Peterhof, unbeaten in three races and a lively Yorkshire hope for the *Daily Express* Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham, misses the £2,000 Minnow Hurdle for four-year-olds. David Morley's Havanus is likely to be a firm favourite. The French-bred colt has won four of his five races but even without Peterhof, there are several others who can be expected to extend him to the full.

They are Denys Smith's Gaelic, bought for 6,500 guineas out of Henry Cecil's stable and a winner in his only two appearances over hurdles, Tom Jones's American-bred Sweet Joe, successful twice in five outings, and Gordon Richards's Humpty Dumpty. Havanus has to give 10lb to Gaelic. It could be a tough task but I expect him to manage it.

Gordon Richards, has 76 winners, 10 ahead of Fred Winter but he had an unhappy afternoon at Carlisle on Tuesday. He had several fancied runners but all were beaten and the cruellest blow was the fall of Northerner, a novice steeplechaser whom he rated highly. A leg was shattered and Northerner had to be destroyed.

Nottingham puts on its best day's jumping of the season with 14 runners for the £4,000 final of the Berni Inn Steeplechase over three miles. In this race Cancello, trained by Neville Crump, is my selection to give from four to 21lb to his 13 rivals. He has won twice over fences this season, but in three of his last four races he has not completed the course.

He was brought down once, fell on another occasion and, in his last outing, was going like a winner in Haydock Park's £10,000 Embassy Premier Steeplechase as he entered the straight. He hit the second last fence hard, catapulted Denis Atkins who had no chance of remaining in the saddle. Nonetheless, I think Cancello is a horse of potential top class.

For the past three weeks he has been on a farm near Northallerton, ridden round by Andrew Pybus, a well known show jumper in almost a holiday atmosphere. He came back to Middleham last week, the rough edges perhaps smoothed out, and I take him to win from Adulation, winner of his last two races. Josh Gifford's Monfire and Shifting Gold, three times a winner and twice second in his last five races.

STATE OF GOING (official): Chepstow: Good. Lingfield Park: Soft. Newcastle: Good to soft. Nottingham: Good. Plumpton (Monday): Good to soft.

## Chepstow programme

*[Television (BBC1): 1.15, 1.45 and 2.20 races]*

**1.15 DAILY MIRROR STEEPLECHASE (£1,016 : 2½m)**

3 004112 Double Negative (D) (Mrs M. Power), F. Rimell, 6-11-7 ... K. White
4 f1 Harvest (D) (A. Ross), Mrs Oughton, 6-11-7 ... C. Read
5 4-00213 Joint Venture (W. Strange), J. Old, 7-11-7 ... —
7 fu3231 Bit of Manny (Admin of late P. Blackburn), Miss Morris, 7-11-12 ... N. Wakley
8 20004-00 Bob Gascho (F. Allingham), M. Scudamore, 8-11-3 ... —
9 110-010 British Smeltar (Miss L. Anthony), G. Kindersley, 6-11-2 ... R. Evans
10 0-00010 Drumwynk (Mrs H. Powell), D. Hanley, 7-11-2 ... V. Soane
11 00p1f0 Manitas (M. Henriques) Henriques, 7-11-2 ... S. Knight 5
12 04p00f Mysticus (G. Greenhalgh), F. Rimell, 6-11-2 ... J. Burke
13 132 Salviati (M. Vickers), J. Gifford, 8-11-2 ... R. Champion
14 0-pf Sea Tale (Mrs B. Heath), J. Walwyn, 8-11-2 ... M. Floyd
15 102pu0 Yoe (R. Brassey), Brassey, 8-11-2 ... J. Harty
20 4-0220p Easy Runner (Mrs J. Ollivant), Mrs Ollivant, 9-10-11 ... —
21 f0rp-30 Frozen Path (Miss N. Lewis), Mrs Kennard, 7-10-11 ... P. Richards 7
24 0000fp Restless (F. Cooper), B. Cambidge, 8-10-11 ... Mr G. Jones
25 p Ring Again (Mrs M. Bridgwater), K. Bridgwater, 8-10-11 ... A. Mawson
26 00-p000 Walleyes (H. Knott), J. Webber, 6-10-11 ... A. Webber
27 p300 Worcester Sauce (T. J. Price), W. J. Price, 9-10-11 B. Brogan
28 1300-00 Ballyeja (C. Dodson), S. Mellor, 5-10-8 ... K. Stone 3

7-2 Salviati, 4-1 Double Negative, 6-1 Harvest, 8-1 Bit of Manny, Drumwynk, 10-1 Joint Venture, 12-1 Sea Tale, British Smelter, 14-1 Manitas, 16-1 Ballyeja, 20-1 others.

**1.45 CLIVE GRAHAM HURDLE (Handicap : £995 : 3m)**

1 021142 Good Prospect (D) (T. Dudley), J. Edwards, 7-11-13 R. Evans
2 40-0202 Saffron Cake (CD) (Power Packing Services Ltd), L. Kennard, 7-11-12 ... R. Crank
5 0110-30 Irish Word (J. Brazil), P. Cundell, 8-11-9 ... R. Kington 5
6 1121-00 Blakedown (D) (K. Dudfield), S. Wright, 8-11-6 ... R. Hyett
8 4-40304 Oriese (C) (P. Harris), P. Cundell, 9-11-5 ... R. Champion
9 221212 Hogan Hills (CD) (F. Clegg), Mrs Kennard, 7-11-5 ... Mr P. Hobbs 3
11 11314 Station Master (E. Scouller), S. Mellor, 7-10-10 ... J. Glover
11 u-000 Squeuble (Mrs D. Webber), L. Cottrell, 8-10-7 ... J. Guest
13 0-210c0 Keening (D) (J. Knox), C. Bewicke, 7-10-5 ... V. Soane
15 212103 Markarajah (CD) (A. Steven), D. Ancil, 7-10-5 ... S. Knight 5
17 2411p0 Red Earl (D) (R. Ford), J. Berry, 7-10-5 ... K. Gray
18 120p- Stay Back (R. Amery), G. Gadd, 9-10-1 ... S. May
19 410300- The Sea Lion (Mrs J. Dening), R. Dening, 11-10-1 ... J. Burke
20 2021u0 Zimmer (Mrs L. Scott), D. Scott, 9-10-0 ... J. Williams
21 1-000 Knockers (L. Hawkins), D. Marks, 7-10-0 ... M. Floyd 7
22 3-22000 Verdi (Mrs B. Lobdon), L. Kennard, 7-10-0 ... L. Lungo
23 p Elgar (G. Richards), A. Jones, 8-10-0 ... P. Steel 5
Ted's Lad (D) (E. Owen, jun), Owen, jun, 7-10-0 ... Mr R. Wilding 7
27 pp0000 Gay Guy (C) (Mrs E. Wharton), M. Scudamore, 7-10-0 ... J. Harty
28 100000 Hesperian (R. Heal), J. Thorne, 6-10-0 ... C. Read
29 0000 Hart Liquer (R. Moores), L. Cottrell 5-10-0 ... P. Warner

9-2 Saffron Cake, 5-1 Markarajah, 11-2 Orosio, 6-1 Good Prospect, 10-1 Hogan Hills, 12-1 Blakedown, Station Master, 14-1 Keening, Red Earl, 16-1 Verdi, Zimmer, Irish Word, 20-1 others.

**2.20 WELSH GRAND NATIONAL (Handicap Steeplechase : £7,905 : 3m 6f)**

1 fu-3111 Even Up (N. Whitcomb), Mrs Oughton, 9-11-9 ... R. Evans
2 00-100p Moonlight Escapade (Mrs E. Wharton), M. Scudamore, 10-11-7 ... R. Crank
4 f-2020u High Ken (R. Hickman), J. Edwards, 10-11-4 ... B. Brogan
5 u31112 Another Muddle (Mrs M. Richards), S. Mellor, 7-11-2 J. Glover
7 01-p24f Rag Trade (P. Raymond), F. Rimell, 10-11-3 ... J. Burke
8 4p-0110 Clonmellon (CD) (Miss B. Shennan), R. Armytage, 9-11-1 ... V. Soane
10 2-0f241 Iceman (Mrs L. Brown), F. Rimell, 10-11-0 ... K. White
11 211113 Le Robstan (S. Powell), D. Kent, 8-10-13 ... A. Webber
12 031122 Rubstic (J. Douglas), G. Richards, 7-10-11 ... J. O'Neill
13 300123 Lord Browndodd (J. Brazil), P. Cundell, 8-10-11 ... R. Evans
15 331121 Gylippus (T. S. Smith), Mrs Pitman, 7-10-7 ... Mr B. Smart
16 311312 Man on the Moon (C) (F. Pullen), J. Gifford, 7-10-5 ... R. Champion
17 4300-f0 Straight Vulgan (C) (C. Hurt), P. Ransom, 10-10-4 R. Hyett
20 311023 Flippant Fred (D. Hebditch), L. Kennard, 9-10-0 ... L. Lungo
21 000033 Captain Clever (A. Stevens), Stevens, 6-10-0 ... N. Flanagan
22 041243 Going to Roost (G. Whiteman-Haywood), M. Tate, 8-10-0 ... —
23 400-03p Norwell (M. Low), Low, 9-10-0 ... C. Brown 5
24 322234 Splitin Image (Mrs M. Welch), M. Scudamore, 10-10-0 ... —

9-2 Gylippus, 11-2 Rubstic, 7-1 Another Muddle, 8-1 Iceman, Rag Trade, Even Up, 12-1 Lord Browndodd, 14-1 Clonmellon, Man On The Moon, Flippant Fred, 20-1 Le Robstan, High Ken, 25-1 others.

**2.55 CAVALRY STEEPLECHASE (£340 : 3m)**

3 2112p-2 Fitz (D) (Mrs R. Barry), Mrs Barry, 10-12-10 ... Mr M. Williams 7
5 f1113-0 Parnasus (D) (W. Owens), Owens, 9-12-10 Mr R. Wilding 7
7 ff1ipp- Jack's Cottage (B. Hicks), Hicks, 9-12-6 ... Mr J. Beavis 7
8 04100-4 Knocktartan (CD) (G. Hutsby), Hutsby, 8-12-6 ... Mr J. Docker 3
9 00- Anchors Aweigh (T. Crew), Crew, 7-12-2 ... Dr D. Chesney 5
11 000023-p Ballynatray (D) (J. Priday), Priday, 9-12-2 ... Mr G. Jones
13 Bowkina (G. Lloyd), Lloyd, 12-12-2 ... Mr A. Lloyd 7
15 p-f Deck Steward (D) (Mrs J. Hobby), Mrs Hobby, 10-12-2 ... Mr R. Mann 7
16 f- Dialstone (Mrs G. Leeves), Mrs Leeves, 9-12-2 Mr G. Edwards 7
19 0p- Hendo (L. Harries), Harries, 8-12-2 ... Mr S. Morshead 3
21 u0- Little Chat (Mrs C. Tutchings), C. Tutchings, 8-12-2 ... Mr R. Hanks 7
22 034- Merchant Banker (T. Holland-Martin), H. Martin, 9-12-2 ... Mr T. Holland-Martin 3
24 Oppfp-3 Miserable Jim (CD) (R. Mildmay-White), M. White, 8-12-2 ... Mr R. Mildmay-White
25 114-f Nicky Brown (D) (M. Opperman), Opperman, 12-12-2 ... Mr M. Opperman 7
26 Opp-p Old Rowney (T. Raybould), Raybould, 9-12-2 Mr J. Williams 7
29 000200- Prime Justice (J. Millington), Millington, 6-12-2 ... —
30 p003p-0 Quintus (R. McLoughlin), McLoughlin, 10-12-2 Mr R. Gray 7
31 Regency Back (Mrs V. Cole), Mrs Cole, 8-12-2 Mr R. Almer 5
32 Road Race (Lord Cadogan), Mrs Pitman, 10-12-2 Mr B. Smart 7
33 s Sidney (J. Millington), Millington, 7-12-2 Mr J. Millington 7

11-4 Fitz, 100-30 Sidney, 9-2 Nicky Brown, 7-1 Knocktartan, 8-1 Miserable Jim, 14-1 Parnasus, Ballynatray, Merchant Banker, 20-1 Quintus, Jack's Cottage, 25-1 others.

**3.25 WESTERN HURDLE (Handicap : £618 : 2m)**

3 41000-0 Jack De Lilo (D) (R. Crossman), M. Scudamore, 5-11-7 ... J. Harty
4 121-340 Successor (D) (Mrs C. Williams), R. Turnell, 7-11-6 ... S. Knight 5
5 012400 Grey Dove (D) (G. Price), Price, 7-11-0 ... Mr C. Price 7
6 f0-314 Red Power (D) (Mrs O. Jackson), F. Winter, 7-11-0 ... V. Soane
7 310001 Croome (D) (Mrs G. Phipps), D. Barons, 6-10-12 ... —
8 040000 Cornmarket (D) (Power Packing Services Ltd), L. Kennard, 6-10-9 R. Crank
10 0020-40 Lyford Cay (Mrs E. Swainson), W. Swainson, 12-10-8 ... S. Holmes 7
11 40323b Lintam (D) (Mrs D. Moate), D. Barons, 5-10-7 ... S. May
12 302223 Ektoras (D) (R. Evans), S. Matthews, 6-10-4 ... I. Gubbie 7
17 110-000 Glamoray (D) (S. Jarrett), F. Rimell, 5-10-3 ... J. Burke
18 0200-10 Donnybrook (D) (Mrs F. Wheatley), F. Rimell, 7-10-2 K. White
19 1244-04 Holemoor Bay (D) (Admin of late P. Blackburn), Miss Morris, 7-10-1 P. Keane 5
21 c00004 Java Fox (D) (J. Cadrick), B. Cambidge, 6-10-0 ... Mr B. Jones
24 214000 Master Scorchin (D) (R. Cookson), M. Tate, 5-10-0 ... R. Evans
25 040-e0 King Commander (D) (J. Cotterell), R. Head, 8-10-0 ... —
30 0-11124 Hemon (J. Gadsdon), T. Hallett, 9-10-0 ... T. Hallett 5
31 01422p- Peggy W (M. Low), Low, 7-10-0 ... J. Williams
31 p000-00 Ticklemetum (E. Owen), Owen, 6-10-0 ... Mr R. Wilding 7

4-1 Red Power, 5-1 Ektoras, 6-1 Croome, 13-2 Successor, 10-1 Grey Dove, Lintam, 12-1 Master Scorchin, Java Fox, Holemoor Boy, 16-1 Glamoray, Cornmarket, 20-1 others.

**3.55 WELLS SELLING HURDLE (Handicap : £340 : 2½m)**

1 000b11 Purple Emperor (R. Howard), G. Balding, 6-12-1 ... Mr M. Keegans 7
2 p Ya-Ya (Miss D. Bissill), J. Bissill, 6-11-13 ... Miss D. Bissill 7
4 0rr000 Ghent (C. Hurt), P. Ransom, 6-11-1 ... Mr F. Ransom 7
5 f44000 Warwick Flyer (D. Morris), O. O'Neill, 5-11-2 ... M. James 5
6 f004-00 Golden Bubble (J. Geraghty), J. Bosley, 6-11-2 ... L. Maguire
8 000020 Gala Sunrise (F. Melton), P. Allingham, 6-11-0 ... I. Gubbie 7
9 114003 Maple Tree (Mrs M. Llewellyn), A. Jones, 4-10-13 ... P. Steel 5
10 00p3pr Sunda Princess (T. Dudley), J. Edwards, 6-10-11 ... B. Brogan
11 4u0030 Red Ambion (Mrs G. Davison), A. Davison, 4-10-11 ... L. Griffiths 5
13 33000 Queen Alexandria (S. Carr), G. Francis, 4-10-11 ... M. Wagner
14 04u400 Alan's Bounty (L. Grace), J. Peacock, 6-10-11 ... R. Pfeiffer 7
15 3-00000 Mandy's Lad (R. Bryant), D. H. Jones, 5-10-11 ... K. White
16 f44340 Golden Lichen (W. H. Jones), D. H. Jones, 6-10-10 ... M. Williams 5
17 003000 Deidi (J. Baker), Baker, 5-10-10 ... G. Knight 7
18 000 Jolly King (R. Murphy), Murphy, 6-10-9 ... —
19 000 Polly Toodle (G. Kindersley), Kindersley, 4-10-9 ... Mr C. Walkins 7
20 0302 Adored (A. Liddiard), Mrs Lomax, 4-10-9 ... R. Champion
21 012-000 Hop-it-Paddy (Exors of late C. Lewis), S. Holland, 5-10-8 ... S. Holland
23 000-00p Royal Tournament (R. Murphy), Murphy, 6-10-6 ... —
24 0f0 Booterstown (I. Howells), Mrs Gaze, 5-10-5 ... —
25 010322 The Lawyer (D. Wood), I. Dudgeon, 6-10-5 ... R. Floyd 5
25 00f030 Loch King (H. Bohm), M. Salaman, [illegible]

[illegible] Gala Sunrise, 14-1 Deidi, 20-1 others.

## Newcastle programme

*[Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.55 races]*

**1.45 PIKE STEEPLECHASE (Hunters : £360 : 3m)**

1 41121-3 Credit Call (CD) (Mrs R. Newton), Mrs Newton, 12-12-2 ... Mr J. Newton 5
2 4312uf- King's Lure (D) (D. Todd), G. Richards, 12-12-2 ... Mr G. Macmillan
3 0pf-p0 Shoonman (D) (P. Greenall), Mrs Greenall, 11-12-2 ... Mr P. Greenall
4 21320-f Bold Lurcio (J. Wight), Wight, 8-11-13 ... Mr R. O'Neill 7
5 e1040-0 Hy Flight II (D) (J. Townson), Townson, 8-11-13 ... Mr J. Townson 7
6 14103-0 Kelton Lad (CD) (T. Littleton), T. Cuthbert, 7-11-13 ... Maj R. Faulkner 3
7 32p- Kerman (D) (J. Brisco), T. Cuthbert, 12-11-13 ... Mr R. Gow 7
8 10f- Kilkerran (R. Brewis), Brewis, 8-11-13 ... Mr J. Walton
9 2u10-p Tom Tallon (D) (Mrs E. Robson), E. Robson, 10-11-13 ... Mr A. Charlton 7
10 020ppr- Vimy Rock (Miss P. Heald), Miss Heald, 10-11-13 ... Mr J. Mackie 7
11 00000-0 Vulgan's Trout (D) (A. Corner), Corner, 8-11-13 ... Mr J. Ornaston 7
13 Stelform (E. Bell), Bell, 8-11-8 ... —
14 042ll-p Staple Oak (Mrs A. Naughton), M. Naughton, 8-11-8 ... Mrs M. Naughton 7
15 2fp403- Tembeleena (Mrs T. Dun), T. Dun, 8-11-8 Mr J. Bradburne 7
16 C00- St Boswells Green (Mrs W. Fairgrieve), W. Fairgrieve, 8-11-0 ... Mr T. Butt 7

5-1 Credit Call, 11-4 King's Lure, 4-1 Kerman, 6-1 Kilkerran, 10-1 Bold Lurcio, Tom Tallon, 20-1 others.

**2.15 CHUB HURDLE (Handicap : £883 : 3m)**

1 022421 The Last Light (CD) (J. Dixon), Dixon, 7-11-8 ... C. Tinkler
2 00353-0 Dunnet Head (Miss H. Hamilton), Miss Hamilton, 7-11-5 ... —
3 213000 Guiscard (A. McGlinchey), Mrs Chesmore, 8-10-13 ... D. Munro
5 012-10p Lord Greystoke (Mrs G. Sandiford), G. Richards, 5-10-12 ... D. Goulding
6 101f41 Uncle Vanya (J. Jordon), Jordon, 6-10-12 ... B. R. Davies
7 [illegible] Individual (R. Johnson), Johnson, 7-10-10 ... Mr R. Johnson 7
8 f00210 Lislercombe (D) (Ld Vestey), D. Nicholson, 5-10-8 J. Suthern
9 11p104 Caldbeck (C) (D. MacDonald), MacDonald, 6-10-7 ... J. L. Goulding 7
11 00-0200 Newfoundland (Mrs I. Hamilton), Mrs Hamilton, 8-10-5 F. Leavy
12 41206-0 Cabouche (CD) (T. Adams), Adams, 10-10-1 ... —
13 201-000 Craig Prince (C. Atkinson), F. Weymes, 6-10-0 ... —
14 1-00303 Pearl's Lad (Mrs F. Watson), C. Bell, 6-10-0 ... R. Lamb
15 00f200 Proud Knight (H. Holmes), A. Jarvis, 7-10-0 ... —
16 330072 Lothian Countess (D) (Mrs W. Crawford), W. Crawford, 8-10-0 ... M. Barnes
17 000000 Clever Prince (A. Scott), W. A. Stephenson, 5-10-0 R. Collins 5
18 CrC000 Joe-the-Nipper (R. Armstrong), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-0 ... G. Faulkner 5

2-1 The Last Light, 5-1 Uncle Vanya, 6-2 Lord Greystoke, 6-1 Caldbeck, 8-1 Lothian Countess, Lislercombe, 12-1 Guiscard, 20-1 others.

**2.55 EIDER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £4,891 : 4m 1f)**

1 11102-0 Quick Reply (W. Dyne), C. Bell, 11-11-8 ... R. Lamb
2 [illegible] Forest King (C) (K. Hogg), Hogg, 7-11-0 ... D. Munro
3 p-0f123 Clarification (D) (Ld Dulverton), R. Armytage, 9-10-12 ... B. R. Davies
6 0-11030 Colondine (Mrs E. Dudgeon), I. Dudgeon, 9-10-10 ... B. Forster
7 p-03220 Bentley Boy (I. Gibbon), D. Nicholson, 11-10-5 ... J. Suthern
11 043453 Pattered (T. Winterton), A. Dickinson, 10-10-2 ... C. Astbury
12 e3300 Ballinglass (Mrs C. St John), W. Crawford, 9-10-0 M. Barnes
13 020114 Starline (C. Cottrell), A. Jarvis, 9-10-0 ... —
14 11000-1 Tetravona (Mrs T. Dun), T. Dun, 9-10-0 ... P. Mangan
15 444400 Sure Jumper (D. Jenkinson), Mrs Chesmore, 9-10-0 ... D. Goulding
16 p01 Fort Vulgan (C. Connell), K. Oliver, 8-10-0 ... C. Tinkler
17 0p Bellycased (Mrs A. Naughton), M. Naughton, 12-10-0 ... Mrs M. Naughton 7

11-8 Forest King, 3-1 Pattered, 11-2 Clarification, 7-1 Bentley Boy, 10-1 Tetravona, 12-1 Quick Reply, Fort Vulgan, 20-1 others.

**3.30 MINNOW HURDLE (4-y-o : £1,511 : 2m 120yd)**

1 11211 Havanus (R. Hoare), D. Morley, 11-10 ... B. R. Davies
3 12213 Sweet Joe (M. Ritzenberg), Thomson Jones, 11-5 ... I. Watkinson
4 0 The Engineer (G. Weir), K. Oliver, 11-0 ... C. Tinkler
6 11 Gaelic (C. Young), Denys Smith, 11-0 ... A. Dickman
7 Hipparion (W. Palmer), S. Mellor, 11-0 ... M. Barnes
8 3 Holly Twist (J. Dixon), Dixon, 11-0 ... R. Lamb
9 21 Humpty Dumpty (J. Coventry), G. Richards, 11-0 D. Goulding
10 122410 Ingham (S. Nesbitt), Nesbitt, 11-0 ... K. Macauley

13-8 Havanus, 11-4 Gaelic, 4-1 Humpty Dumpty, 5-1 Sweet Joe, 12-1 Holly Twist, 16-1 others.

**4.0 STICKLEBACK STEEPLECHASE (Novices : £711 : 2½m)**

1 00-1142 Arctic Mist (P. Muldoon), G. Richards, 6-12-0 ... D. Goulding
3 pf0 Coulmoss (H. Coulson), A. Potts, 6-12-0 ... A. Dickman
5 0-00004 Hello (C. Bainbridge), W. Atkinson, 8-12-0 ... P. Mangan
Indian Sheba (J. Gilman), N. Crump, 7-12-0 ... C. Hawkins 7
9 4-42300 Kirwaugh (Mrs J. McCumpha), G. Richards, 8-12-0 ... C. Brownless 5
10 00004p Light Smoker (P. Greenall), Mrs Greenall, 6-12-0 Mr P. Greenall
11 244302 Lochar Moss (D. MacDonald), MacDonald, 11-12-0 ... G. Holmes
12 0-4u022 Lovejoy (C. Rykens), Thomson Jones, 6-12-0 ... I. Watkinson
13 4222ff "Moneur (G. Lloyd), A. Jarvis, 8-12-0 ... —
14 0-0 Night Watchman (A. Ireland), J. Dodds, 7-12-0 ... D. Nolan
15 p32030 Royal Trace (W. Forster), Forster, 10-12-0 ... P. Ennis
16 f2f-00p Spring Leaves (D. Gray), I. Jordon, 7-12-0 ... Mr G. Macmillan
20 Swanky Guide (W. Wade), Wade, 8-12-0 ... Mr R. Mann 7
21 00-f Teddy Bear II (A. Eubank), Eubank, 9-12-0 ... Mr A. Eubank 3
22 0-f Usyles (R. Chalmers-Watson), W. Crawford, 8-12-0 ... M. Barnes
23 221f33 Why Go (J. Wilson), Wilson, 6-12-0 ... —
25 000000 Mr Ten Per Cent (Mrs B. Meechan), W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-6 ... G. Faulkner 5
26 1-00fu3 One Held High (R. Wilson), W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-6 R. Lamb

15-8 Arctic Mist, 11-4 Lovejoy, 4-1 Lochar Moss, 8-1 Hello, 9-1 Kirwaugh, 12-1 One Held High, 20-1 others.

**4.30 BREAM HURDLE (Novices : £733 : 2m 120yd)**

3 121 Woldyknow (CD) (T. Metcalfe), G. Richards, 5-11-12 ... D. Goulding
5 Catamaran (M. Buckley), S. Mellor, 8-11-10 ... B. R. Davies
7 212 Only a Monkey (CD) (J. Brennan), Lady Herries, 6-11-10 ... D. Munro
8 0-43201 Indubitably (CD) (D. Lennon), B. Wilkinson, 5-11-7 ... I. Watkinson
13 p0 Flareon (L. Geipel), W. Elsey, 6-11-3 ... G. Holmes
14 0223 Kingsberry (R. Wilson), C. Bell, 6-11-3 ... R. Lamb
17 p00f-00 Omao (W.A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 7-11-3 ... W. Redfern
18 000 Penderama (J. Townson), Townson, 6-11-3 ... Mr J. Townson 7
20 Special Licence (Mrs F. Walton), F. Walton, 10-11-3 Mr J. Walton
21 Ammara (Mrs M. MacDowall), W. Atkinson, 5-11-2 ... P. Mangan
22 Border Brig (R. Brewis), Brewis, 5-11-2 ... —
23 0fk Flying Diplomat (S. Griffith), A. Smith, 5-11-2 ... J. Gullinane 7
24 000023 Johnello (J. Dixon), Dixon, 5-11-2 ... Mr A. Eubank 3
25 p044 Loudon Gay (Mrs J. Gay), K. Oliver, 5-11-2 ... I. Williamson 7
26 Master Chad (R. Taylor), R. Peacock, 5-11-2 ... A. Dickman
27 00 Morlon Cairn (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 5-11-2 ... D. Davies 7
31 004030 Nells Son (Mrs B. Ward), A. Jarvis, 5-11-2 ... —
32 Only Money (Mrs D. Gordon), G. Richards, 5-11-2 M. Nolan 5
33 0p Shoot (Ld D. Crichton-Stuart), K. Oliver, 5-11-2 Mr J. Martin 7
34 0 Skerne (E. Smith), M. Camacho, 5-11-2 ... D. Greaves
35 Streetcar (R. Humphrey), P. Arthur, 5-11-2 ... J. Meaney
36 0 Swift Falcon (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 5-11-2 ... R. Collins 5
37 Ten Score (Mrs G. Sandiford), G. Richards, 5-11-2 ... F. Leavy
38 00 Three To One (J. C. Manners), K. Oliver, 5-11-2 ... C. Tinkler
39 0 Valiant Charger (P. Greenall), W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-2 ... Mr P. Greenall

5-2 Woldyknow, 7-2 Only a Monkey, 4-1 Kingsberry, 11-2 Indubitably, 8-1 Johnello, 12-1 Loudon Gay, 20-1 others.

### Newcastle selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.45 Kerman. 2.15 The Last Light. 2.55 FOREST KING is specially recommended. 3.30 Havanus. 4.0 Arctic Mist. 4.30 Wordyknow.

## Lingfield Park programme

**2.0 HEVER HURDLE (Div I : Novices : 4-y-o : £465 : 2½m)**

101 1 Collaborator (W. Mann), A. Pitt, 11-5 ... P. Collins 7
102 212 Textron (Mrs K. Lindsay), Miss A. Sinclair, 11-5 ... R. Rowell
103 on Brandy Stare (I. Brunton), D. Underwood, 11-0 J. McLean 7
104 000 Frienvert (S. Thompson), T. Haslam, 11-0 ... A. Branford
105 0402 Given (Mrs S. Haddala), T. Beeson, 11-0 ... J. Jenkins
106 00000C4 Lavemist (M. Dembski), C. Benstead, 11-0 ... J. Errington 7
107 0 Man of Letters (Mrs A. Young), R. Blakeney, 11-0 ... —
108 00 Marlevmis (Marley Ltd), M. Bolton, 11-0 ... J. Francome
109 n Nestos (Mrs J. Ferguson), T. M. Jones, 11-0 ... R. Barry
110 0002 Red Colorado (Mrs C. O'Shea), Mrs A. Finch, 11-0 ... R. J. Owen 7
117 00 Saucy Upham (Mrs M. Brinkworth), D. Gandolfo, 11-0 ... P. Barton
119 4 Sulimanit (G. Schleiderum), G. Balding, 11-0 ... T. Dahl
120 302 Zabaglione (D. Smith), F. Walwyn, 11-0 ... W. Smith

9-4 Textron, 11-4 Zabaglione, 4-1 Collaborator, 10-1 Sulimanit, 12-1 Marlevmis, Red Colorado, 14-1 Given, Saucy Upham, 20-1 others.

**2.30 R E SASSOON STEEPLECHASE (Hunters : £340 : 3m)**

201 2 Brough (D) (W. Hackling), Hackling, 11-11-10 ... Mr R. Hackling 7
202 212-b Champers Galore (D) (Mrs H. Lilley), Mrs Lilley, 10-11-10 ... Mr R. M. Wilson 7
205 Chitty Bang Bang (J. Howgego), Howgego, 9-11-10 ... Mr J. Howgego 7
207 f20 Dusky May (C) (A. Waters), Waters, 8-11-10 Mr A. Waters 7
208 Hawningstown (A. Scott), Scott, 7-11-10 ... Mr A. Scott 7
209 2 Into View (Mrs P. Brown), Mrs R. Pitman, 13-11-10 ... Mr N. Henderson 5
212 Jocrew (R. Ledger), Ledger, 11-11-10 ... Mr N. Ledger 7
213 0 Log (W. Alcock), Alcock, 13-11-10 ... Mr A. Alcock 7
214 Miss Angie (C. Brand), Brand, 8-11-10 ... Mr A. Geering 7
215 pp- Rainbows Edge (W. Kydd), B. Thompson, 6-11-10 ... Mr W. Shand Kydd 7
216 Sunset Boy (C. Wheatley), Wheatley, 10-11-10 Mr H. Wheeler 7
218 400- Ting-A-Ling (Miss S. Fairbairns), Miss Fairbairns, 9-11-10 ... Mr D. Evatt 5

6-4 Into View, 5-2 Champers Galore, 6-1 Brough, 8-1 Sunset Boy, 10-1 Chitty Bang Bang, Dusky May, 16-1 others.

**3.0 MANIFESTO STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £1,970 : 3m)**

301 41-4314 Money Market (CD) (Ld Chelsea), C. Bewicke, 9-11-8 R. Barry
302 10-4041 Zeta's Son (D) (M. Buckley), P. Bailey, 7-11-7 ... J. Francome
303 1121-22 Ceol-Na-Mara (D) (Mrs M. Seddon-Brown), S. Mellor, 7-10-5 ... S. Jobar
304 032030 Royal Measure (D) (P. White), A. Moore, 11-10-0 ... R. Atkins
305 pp0021 Silver Delight (Sir E. McAlpine), F. Cundell, 7-10-0 ... M. O'Halloran 7

7-4 Ceol-Na-Mara, 9-4 Zeta's Son, 5-2 Money Market, 10-1 Silver Delight, 20-1 Royal Measure.

**3.30 GENERAL PEACE HURDLE (Handicap : £540 : 2m)**

401 12100- Basil (CD) (R. McCormick), P. Mitchell, 5-12-7 R. G. Hughes
402 010-030 Kizal (D) (Mrs R. Harris), C. Bewicke, 6-11-8 ... R. Barry
403 434011 Magic Summer (D) (I. Allen), R. Smyth, 4-11-0 ... R. Forsyth 7
404 310032 Culberge (D) (A. Greig), I. Wardle, 5-10-9 ... S. Eccles 7
409 202101- Tudor Jewel (D) (B. Wise), Wise, 8-10-8 ... C. Bowen 7
410 021441 Alamein (D) (Mrs R. Stanley), T. Winter, 5-10-9 ... J. Francome
411 000023 Yellow Lark (D) (E. Franks), Mrs A. Oughton, 8-10-7 ... J. Jenkins
412 0f3400 Early Silver (D) (N. Rumington), J. Old, 7-10-9 ... P. Barton
413 0001-0f Whichers World (D) (A. Brookes), D. Jermy, 5-10-1 ... C. Read 7
414 231103 Fell Swoop (CD) (R. Gibbons), C. Benstead, 5-10-1 W. Smith
415 00-0002 Henry Bruce (CD) (B. Keays), L. Holt, 6-10-0 ... R. Atkins
416 2-00000 Royal Romance (A. Holder), A. Moore, 5-10-0 Mr H. Moore 7
417 Owenstar (Mrs H. Gallant), Mrs A. Oughton, 6-10-0 ... N. Holman 7

7-2 Alamein, 4-1 Magic Summer, 9-2 Kizal, 5-1 Fell Swoop, 15-2 Culberge, 10-1 Basil, 12-1 Henry Bruce, Yellow Lark, 16-1 others.

**4.0 JERRY M STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £1,626 : 2½m)**

501 10-0140 Lean Forward (Sir J. Thomson), R. Armytage, 10-12-2 ... P. Kelleway
502 e-31110 Floating Pound (D) (Mrs E. Boucher), F. Winter, 7-11-10 ... J. Francome
503 f4p112 Canasta Lad (CD) (Mrs D. Hague), P. Bailey, 10-11-10 R. Barry
504 2101p4- Rathvilly (CD) (J. Yarde-Buller), R. Head, 8-10-13 A. Branford
505 0-04011 Sydney Carton (K. Cooper), G. Kindersley, 7-10-5 R. Atkins
506 b4e011 Great (D) (Mrs L. Browning), D. Browning, 7-10-0 ... M. Stanley 5

2-1 Floating Pound, 9-4 Canasta Lad, 7-2 Sydney Carton, 8-1 Great, Lean Forward, 14-1 Rathvilly.

**4.30 HEVER HURDLE (Div II : Novices : 4-y-o : £469 : 2½m)**

601 334211 Spare Slipper (Sir H. Nugent), D. Nugent, 11-10 ... S. Jobar
602 01102 Blagoslav (B. Onis), D. Dale, 11-3 ... R. G. Hughes
607 0 Christmas Candle (A. Steel), F. Winter, 11-0 ... J. Francome
608 0000 Dashing Hussar (G. Martin), P. Haslam, 11-0 ... A. Branford
610 0 Ebordora (Mrs D. Whigham), Mrs A. Oughton, 11-0 N. Holman 7
611 000 Field Moss (Mrs M. Newton), T. M. Jones, 11-0 ... —
612 424030 Glanfield (M. Bolton), Bolton, 11-0 ... R. Forsyth 7
613 000000 Lady of Darien (Brian Gubby Car Truck Rental), J. Pullen, 11-0 ... —
615 403 Modesty Forbids (R. Peskin), J. Gifford, 11-0 ... M. Stanley 5
616 0 Ring of Fire (Mrs M. McCarthy), C. Dingwall, 11-0 ... D. O'Donovan
617 23 Royal Fanfare (N. Whitcomb), H. Price, 11-0 ... P. Kelleway
620 4f0p St Cawain (H. Barron), A. Moore, 11-0 ... Mr G. Moore 7
622 p Welcome Honey (T. Jasper), W. Wightman, 11-0 ... M. O'Halloran 7

11-8 Royal Fanfare, 3-1 Branoslav, 9-2 Spare Slipper, 6-1 Christmas Candle, 8-1 Modesty Forbids, 12-1 Ebordora, 20-1 others.

### Lingfield Park selections

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2.0 Textron. 2.30 Into View. 3.0 ZETA'S SON is specially recommended. 3.30 Alamein. 4.0 Canasta Lad. 4.30 Spare Slipper.

### Chepstow selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.15 Double Negative. 1.45 Orosio. 2.20 RUBSTIC is specially recommended. 2.55 Sidney. 3.25 Successor. 3.55 Purple Emperor.

## Nottingham programme

*[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.00 and 2.35 races]*

**1.30 INITIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (4-y-o : £408 : 2m)**

1 40 Five Card Stud (R. McHernon), P. Felgate, 12-7 Mr P. Felgate 7
2 0113 Vespucci (Mrs J. Ballward), D. Barons, 11-11 M. Barrett 7
3 f31140 Litigant (D) (Mrs D. Green), Lady Herries, 11-4 ... P. Broderick
4 141222 Midas (G. Pratt), M. H. Easterby, 11-3 ... P. Blacker
7 031 Carabinier (D) (C. Paxton), J. Edwards, 11-2 ... P. Leach 7
8 003023 Light Infantry (P. Brook), D. Barons, 11-1 ... R. Bailey
9 0421 Darling Bob (D) (L. Parnes), G. Balding, 10-13 ... R. Dickin 3
10 33000 Bagdad Gold (Miss B. Conrop), D. Nicholson, 10-12 R. Dickin 3
11 002210 Christmas Comet (D) (D. Skelton), D. Nicholson, 10-12 J. King
12 214 Smiling (D) (S. Spokes), W. Wharton, 10-11 ... J. Nolan
13 310 Great Raven (E. Cook), A. Pitt, 10-10 ... A. Turnell
14 b0l330 Kinvaston (G. Cantrill), B. Cambidge, 10-9 ... —
16 04104 Robb Rian (I. Axe), J. Hardy, 10-9 ... M. Blackshaw
17 12 Florica (D) (C. Booth), P. Rohan, 10-9 ... G. Thorner
18 020100 Regents Choice (D) (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 10-8 ... T. Stack
22 004 Peter Jack (Mrs P. Isaacs), S. Mellor, 10-7 ... C. Jones 7
23 00422 Anna Dream (Mrs F. Todd), E. Reavey, 10-7 ... D. Cartwright
26 000 Kings Hazard (T. Martin), D. Barons, 10-7 ... —
27 004033 Otaki (T. Jonks), W. Clay, 10-7 ... N. Clay 5

3-1 Midas, 4-1 Darling Bob, 11-2 Light Infantry, 7-1 Vespucci, 8-1 Carabinier, 10-1 Christmas Comet, 12-1 Litigant, Bagdad Gold, 16-1 Smiling, 20-1 others.

**2.0 CHATEAU HANDICAP HURDLE (£964 : 2m 6f)**

1 303130 Tamerlc (Mrs P. Contan), M. H. Easterby, 7-11-13 P. Broderick
3 200023 Shinto (CD) (S. Bosley), D. Nicholson, 7-11-6 R. Dickin 3
4 3-11202 Favedo (Mrs A. Tudor), R. Akehurst, 7-11-1 ... J. King
5 213221 The Bay Turk (T. Bayley), S. Palmer, 6-10-13 ... J. Marshall 5
6 00-0000 Andy Scott (Mrs J. Holmes), T. Gillam, 8-10-11 N. Tinkler
8 10-0120 Something To Hide (D) (Mrs P. Shaw), Mrs R. Lomax, 7-10-10 ... A. Carroll 5
9 10-fff0 Breakwater (CD) (J. Sumner), T. Forster, 7-10-10 G. Thorner
11 004111 Proceed (Dr P. Green), D. Barons, 6-10-6 ... P. Leach 7
12 120241 Riga (F. Taylor), W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-5 ... T. Stack
13 000-p00 Bonny Royal (R. Bailey), W. Whiston, 8-10-5 ... D. Cartwright
15 0p002-0 Seldom Daunted (D) (J. Edwards), Edwards, 7-10-2 T. Mageo 5
18 420140 Padlys Best (K. Blackstone), D. Doyle, 8-10-0 ... J. Doyle
19 404040 Pride of Olly (N. Renshaw), B. McMahon, 7-10-0 M. Blackshaw
20 4-4000 Wissington Rose (M. Moroney), R. Finch, 5-10-0 J. Scallan 5

11-4 Proceed, 9-2 Shinto, 5-1 Favedo, 6-1 The Bay Turk, 13-2 Something to Hide, 8-1 Tameric, 10-1 Riga, 14-1 Breakwater, 20-1 others.

**2.35 BERNI INNS STAKES STEEPLECHASE FINAL (Limited Handicap : £2,996 : 3m)**

1 21b1fu Cancello (Maj W. Burdon), N. Crump, 7-12-0 ... D. Atkins
2 fb1110 Monfire (D) (G. Sloan), J. Gifford, 9-11-10 ... Mr G. Sloan
3 0110-11 Adulation (Mrs R. Whiteway), D. Kent, 9-11-5 ... P. Haynes
4 021121 Shifting Gold (D) (R. Russell), K. Bailey, 7-11-4 D. Sunderland
5 12f214 No Gypsy (D) (C. Bennion), D. Nicholson, 7-11-2 ... J. King
6 f11313 Royal Exchange (Mrs J. Gifford), J. Gifford, 8-10-13 M. Gifford
7 4112 Guiding Star (D) (T. Winterton), A. Dickinson, 7-10-7 ... M. Dickinson
9 212110 Bar Rock (J. Hanson), Hanson, 8-10-7 ... A. Bowker
10 13f430 Primerello (P. Harper), J. Hardy, 8-10-7 ... M. Blackshaw
11 041243 Going To Roost (G. Whiteman-Haywood), M. Tate, 8-10-7 ... J. Barlow 7
12 240-122 Honest Lawyer (D) (A. Cassell), G. Vergette, 13-10-7 ... P. Kelly 7
13 2-23324 Kathys Boy (Mrs M. MacArthur), D. Doyle, 7-10-7 J. Doyle
14 000340 Energy Saver (J. Blair), J. Berry, 6-10-7 ... G. Shaw
16 430-430 Dalkel (Miss J. Wright), R. Wright, 11-10-7 Mr J. Wright 7

100-30 Shifting Gold, 4-1 Adulation, 5-1 Cancello, 11-2 Monfire, 7-1 Guiding Star, 8-1 Honest Lawyer, 10-1 Royal Exchange, 12-1 Going to Roost, 16-1 others.

**3.5 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE STEEPLECHASE (£2,047 : 2m)**

2 00-0011 Bachelor's Hall (D) (P. Harris), P. Cundell, 6-11-6 J. King
3 000131 Co-Partner (D) (W. Jenks), Jenks, 7-11-6 ... M. Blackshaw
5 0-33 Border Skirmish (R. Rambro), K. Oliver, 6-11-1 ... N. Tinkler
6 040-2 Summer Dance (Mrs S. Embiricos), R. Turnell, 9-11-1 A. Turnell
7 00-112f Sycamore (D) (Lady Rootes), J. Gifford, 7-11-1 ... P. Blacker
9 020-340 Lucky Wish (Mrs B. Eastwood), W. Stephenson, 5-10-7 ... M. Gifford

2-1 Summer Dance, 5-2 Bachelor's Hall, 7-2 Sycamore, 9-2 Co-Partner, 8-1 Skirmish, 12-1 Lucky Wish.

**3.35 CORPORATION STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £544 : 2½m)**

[illegible] Meridian II (Maj H. Rollie), K. Oliver, 9-11-2 ... N. Tinkler
4 40020-p Gin Fizz (CD) (C. Gilman), G. Vergette, 9-11-0 P. Kelly 7
8 00p Bighorn (C) (Lady Leigh), C. Miller, 12-10-7 ... D. Cartwright
9 0212 Inistioge (W. Ingram), M. H. Easterby, 7-10-7 M. Blackshaw
11 021224 Sunshine Sam (Mrs D. Richards), D. Richards, 8-10-3 ... M. C. Gifford
12 Sparlot (T. Jenks), W. Clay, 8-10-8 ... N. Clay 5
15 334324 Supermaster (Mrs H. Waite), W. A. Stephenson, 13-10-3 T. Stack

5-2 Meridian II, 7-2 Sparlot, 9-2 Inistioge, 5-1 Yanworth, 11-2 Sunshine Sam, 10-1 Supermaster, 16-1 others.

**4.5 RADCLIFFE HURDLE (Handicap : £408 : 2m)**

1 110400 What A Palaver (D) (Mrs J. Basham), D. Barons, 5-12-4 ... P. Leach 7
2 12 Sanskrit (D. Lawton), J. Edwards, 5-11-13 ... P. Blacker
3 0f-0321 Skyjack (CD) (Lady K. Phillips), Lady Herries, 8-11-9 ... P. Broderick
6 221000 Serogan (D) (A. Wiseman), D. Gandolfo, 7-11-6 W. Shoemark
9 0333 Pop Song (Lady R. Wellesley), T. Forster, 6-10-13 G. Thorner
11 000423 Filigrove (Ld Vestey), D. Nicholson, 5-10-11 ... J. King
13 00402 First Break (E. Honneberg), M. Scudamore, 5-10-7 A. Turnell
14 0-30100 Sherrys Dancer (D) (Miss J. Rutter), E. Magner, 5-10-7 ... E. Bruce 7
15 0000p-0 Campden (C. Cordall), P. Felgate, 6-10-7 ... I. Hewartson 7
17 10-3003 Cornard (V. Toulmin), R. Finch, 5-10-7 ... J. Scallan 5
18 222030 Honeymoor (S. Bowring), F. Dover, 5-10-7 ... J. Beaton 5
19 0800p3- Caerlaverock (Mrs P. Hartshorne), P. Bevan, 5-10-7 ... —
20 010150 Ronorn (D) (Mrs P. Cole), J. Harris, 5-10-7 ... D. Nicholson 7
31 300-040 Hamadan (G. Pykett), P. Green, 7-10-7 ... H. J. Evans 3
32 00-3033 Triple (K. Lowe), W. Clay, 6-10-7 ... N. Clay 5
33 Pandella (A. Sutton), Sutton, 6-10-7 ... —

3-1 Sanskrit, 4-1 Filigrove, 11-2 Skyjack, 6-1 What A Palaver, 7-1 Pop Song, 8-1 First Break, 10-1 Serogan, 12-1 Triple, 20-1 others.

### Nottingham selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.30 Midas. 2.0 Riga. 2.35 Cancello. 3.5 Bachelor's Hall. 3.35 Meridian II. 4.05 SKYJACK is specially recommended.

### Newcastle results

1.30 (1.31) POPLAR NOVICES HURDLE (4-y-o: £551: 2½m)
Donigan, b g, by Farquogan—Kilbelin Bell (A. Snipe), 11-0 P. Broderick (6-1) 1
Enryco Mica . D. Munro (11-8 fav) 2
Frank the Yank .. R. Barry (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 St. Tryst, 6-1 Le Jet, 10-1 Fair Person, 11-1 Eversholt, 12-1 Grange Prince, 14-1 Tidal Wave (4th), 20-1 Deep Divide, Desert Fox, The Hawk, 25-1 Fondoon, Moss-Sight, Spring Soleil, Young John. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.17; places, 28p, 15p, 31p. M. H. Easterby, at Malton. 2l, 2½l.

2.0 (2.5) SYCAMORE HURDLE (Handicap: £489: 2½m)
Carnival Day, br g, by Carnival Night—unknown (G. Halton), 5-10-11 ... B. Powell (4-1) 1
The Alicadoo .. P. Salmon (10-1) 2
Prince of Sheen . A. Bowker (13-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Bloo Comedian, 20-1 Double Fault, Irish Quickstep, Minsted (4th), Touch of Green, 50-1 Brig O'Lies, Barefoot Warrior (5), Thuster, Trattoria, Misty Bolle. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 1op; places, 15p, 25p, 31p. A. Dickinson, at Gisburn. 4l, 20l.

2.30 (2.33) OAK HURDLE (Handicap: £535: 2m 120yds)
Infantryman, b g, by Light Brigade—Lady Spirit (Charlotte Lady Bray), 7-11-12 ... T. Stack (5-1 fav) 1
Tanora .... N. Balmer (100-30) 2
Wheatclose ... M. Dickinson (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-1 Proteus Choice (4th), 10-1 King Midas (4th), 14-1 Archetto, 20-1 Kings Comet, Mon Bien, Tipsy Gold, 33-1 Napazi, Brora, Conrillus (n). 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 12p, 13p, 21p. W. A. Stephenson, at Bishop Auckland. 7l, 4l.

3.0 (3.4) TROUT STEEPLECHASE (Limited Handicap: £1,753: 3m)
Canadius, b h, by Pardao—Vimy Line (P. Muldoon), 7-11-0 ... D. Goulding (9-4) 1
Glanford Brigg M. Blackshaw (5-2) 2
Cantabet ... T. Stack (2-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Even Swell (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 36p; forecast, £1.15. G. W. Richards, at Greystoke.

3.30 (3.32) BEECH NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £653: 2m 120yds)
Suhway, br g, by Sweet Ration—Rose of the Wells (W. Lucker), 8-10-2 ... D. Atkins (12-1) 1
Banacheck II ... G. Faulkner (12-1) 2
Kalrosa ..... A. Meany (13-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav George Rose (4th), 7-2 II fav Mr Midshipman (4th), 15-2 Milroy (f), 8-1 Conin Abbey (u), 16-1 Royal Playboy, 25-1 Butch Cassidy, Cruickshanks Cross, 33-1 Sharina. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 80p; places, 35p, 28p, 19p. R. Wilkinson, at Middleham. 5l, 7l.

4.0 (4.3) WILD DUCK HURDLE (£485: 2m 120yds)
Sea Urchin, b g, by Sea Moss—Halpin's Hill (J. Britton), 6-11-6 ... Mr G. Macmillan (5-1) 1
Nells Son . Mr J. Docker (10-1) 2
Perfect Match Mr H. Barclay (15-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Fair Fury (f), 12-1 Golden Hawke, 16-1 Queen's Melody, Royal and Regal (4th), 20-1 Brigate Head, Sallyrani (f), Tinganna, 33-1 Chantro, El Zagal, Cathim (p), Inkling, Irish Sin, Seldom Seen II, Abbey Inn, Fishy Story, Persian Law, Sunstrom. 20 ran. Purple Gem and Zabog Beauty did not run.
TOTE: Win, 56p; places, 30p, 26p, 21p. W. A. Stephenson, at Bishop Auckland. 8l, 1l. Donadello (33-1) was withdrawn. Rule 4 did not apply.
TOTE DOUBLE: Infantryman, Suhway, £12.60. TREBLE: Carnival Day, Canadius, Sea Urchin, £5.75.

### Fakenham

1.45 (1.46) SHERINGHAM HURDLE (Handicap: £273: 2m 120yds)
Highway Robbery, b g, by Appiani II—Intimidation (W. Hobson), 5-11-0 ..... D. Hickells (8-1) 1
Arctic Blizzard J. N. Pearce (11-1) 2
Golden Crescent I. Glover (100-30 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 jt fav Northern Red, 7-1 Blackshoat, Great Surprise, 8-1 Darleycroft Star (4th), Lone Bowman, 25-1 Vesta Lad (p), Cloudy Boy, Diddy David. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 21.41; places, 40p, 26p, 15p. B. Richmond, at Wellington.

2.15 (2.17) HUNSTANTON HURDLE (Handicap: £340: 3m)
Moison, ch g, by Pampered King—Connacht (Mrs A. Elliott), 14-9-7 C. Bowen (12-1) 1
Castle Pride J. Beaton (11-10 fav) 2
Strudel ...... M. O'Shea (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 Night Talk (4th), 4-1 Hilarity, 14-1 Historic Myth, 25-1 Turalin. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 87p; places, 23p, 17p; dual forecast, 71p.

2.45 (2.46) SANDRINGHAM STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £476: 3m)
Napoleon Brandy, br g, by Trombone—Wedding Brandy (D. Stoddart), 9-11-2 B. R. Davies (2-1) 1
Yellow Stone ... P. Kelly (10-1) 2
Near and Far I. Watkinson (15-8 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 The Cantabile (4th), 11-2 Curlew River (p), 25-1 Stone Struck (u), 33-1 Dolly Mixture, Fraily Tudor (f), Canonbie Key (f). 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 2?p; places, 12p, 16p, 14p; dual forecast, £1.94. D. Morley, at Bury St Edmunds. 3½l, ½l.

3.15 (3.17) WALTER WALES CUP (Hunters' Steeplechase: £443: 3m 1f 100yd)
Playbill, b g, by Prince Silver—Playstone (Ld Fitzwilliam), 11-12-2 ... Mr P. Greenall (7-1) 1
Duffy ...... Mr M. Bloom (8-1) 2
Bracken Bank Mr N. Mason (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-13 fav Glen Harmony (4th), 15-2 Comerain (p), 8-1 Salvage Man, 11-1 Cherubini, 14-1 Border Scope (p), Streaky Bacon, 20-1 Sir Suhl, 25-1 Breeze (p), Poynton Park (p), Summers Dream. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 77p; places, 28p, 54p, £1.60. Lord Fitzwilliam, at Peterborough. 6l, 2l.

3.45 BLAKENEY STEEPLECHASE (£400: 2m 4f)
Solonius, ch g, by Appolonius—Sallin' Day (C. Watson), 7-11-0 J. McNaught (16-1) 1
John Affair .... C. Brown (20-1) 2
Topping ...... G. Thorner (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Baynham, 5-2 Willow Hound, 9-2 Fair View (ro), 10-1 Buffalo Bill (f), 20-1 Oscar Lad (u), Lammas, Rhum, Silver Glint (4th). 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.45; places, ??p, 38p, 55p. C. Wates at Northiam. 5l, 8l.

4.15 (4.16) CROMER HURDLE (Handicap: 4-y-o: £540: 2m 120yd)
Crimson Glove, b g, by Falcon—Crimson Velvet (Mrs D. Haynes), 11-5 I. Watkinson (4-1) 1
Mam Glow .. M. C. Gilord (9-1) 2
No Camping .... C. Brown (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Golden Autumn (u), 5-1 Michelle, 6-1 Jim Coiner, 15-2 Mount Street (u), 8-1 Twang (f), 12-1 Jack Jugs, Turk (4th), 20-1 Miss Wybury. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 33p, 35p, 29p. H. Collingridge, at Newmarket. 1l, 4l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Napoleon Brandy, Solonius, £48.20. Treble: Moison, Playbill, Crimson Glove, £70.30.

Athletics

# An injured finger that Capes keeps crossed

From Cliff Temple

Munich, Feb 20

Geoffrey Capes, scarcely reorientated after a recent and prolonged American tour, competes in the seventh European indoor athletics championships which begin here tomorrow in a mixture of disappointment and concern—disappointment that only one East German, Gerd Lochmann, is among the 10 entries for the shot putt, and concern that Capes's injured finger is still in need of treatment, so that a hard battle on Sunday to regain the European title he won in 1974 is not what Capes wants.

He must start favourite, with the sole Russian entry, Anatoli Jarosh, possibly his most serious rival. But Jarosh's best performance this year has been only 65ft 11½in, compared with Capes's European indoor record of 68ft 10in, which he achieved twice on his American trip.

In other events, Great Britain's fast-diminishing team may be hard pushed to find a medal of any colour, even though the total number of entries in these championships, 290, is considerably less than the army of Olympic-minded journalists here to watch them perform in the Olympiahalle, which nestles under that huge cobweb-like glass roof.

With Roy Mitchell injured and out of the long jump, becoming the fourth British casualty since selection, Britain's party has dwindled to seven: five men and two girls. Of these, Philip Lewis (800 metres) has tasted silver in these championships, albeit five years ago, and if he tackles tomorrow's preliminary round in the right frame of mind, he could eventually be capable of something higher than his sixth place in the rankings predicts.

Berwyn Price has another two or three tenths of a second to find in the 60 metres hurdles if he is to play a significant part in the final, but like the women's 60 metres, where Sonia Lannaman steps up to defend the title won for Britain by Andrea Lynch in Katowice a year ago, the rankings are often made misleading by the varying standards of timekeeping around Europe.

The 3,000 metres, so often the cause of British celebration in these championships, may possibly warm our hearts again as Ray Smedley, one of Britain's most underrated runners, will not after all have that incomparable indoor runner, Emiel Puttemans, of Belgium, among his rivals. Smedley, one of the most versatile world-class runners never to have won a big title, could use this weekend as a step towards his Olympic 5,000 metres aspirations, but the margin between first and fourth is likely to be small.

Another runner whose versatility on both mud and boards has been displayed these past months, Glen Grant will have to make sure that not too many elbows fly his way in the 1,500 metres; and the remaining member of the British party, Susan Reeve, the long jumper, will also be facing tough opposition, including the new world indoor record holder, Angela Voigt, of East Germany.

But the absence of many other leading athletes from the championships adds an air of mystery to some events, and if standards should be held down through this absenteeism, one can only hope that Britain's select team will be able to capitalize on the situation.

Hockey

# Disparity in league record points to Oxford victory

By Sydney Friskin

An air of eager expectancy surrounds the university hockey match between Oxford and Cambridge at Lord's today, starting at 2.45. This will be the seventy-sixth meeting between the sides, the score standing at 33 wins to Cambridge and 28 to Oxford, 14 matches having been drawn. Oxford won 3—1 last year and the year before the game ended goalless.

Not for some time has there been such a wide gap between the sides statistically. Oxford are in seventeenth position on the London League table with a percentage of 41.27 and Cambridge twenty-fifth, with 10.42. Their league figures are:

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oxford | 21 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 34 | 30 | 26 |
| Cambridge | 16 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 35 | 5 |

But looks can be deceptive as attempts in the past to base predictions on these facts have proved. Cambridge have had to cancel a number of league matches because of bad weather but terminated their preparation with an encouraging 2—0 victory over the Army at Aldershot last Tuesday. Their party of 14 from which the final selection will be made includes five Blues. Of these Menzies will provide stability at the back and Sobey the flair up front. Oxford have announced their 11, which includes six Blues, and two reserves. They have in recent weeks been playing attacking hockey, the result of a splendid build-up in the middle and excellent support from behind by Hobkirk, their captain whose striking power at short corners will be matched by Menzies. There is sufficient talent on hand to make this a truly entertaining match provided the players are not overawed by the importance of the occasion.

Eight teams will line up tomorrow for four vacant places in the quarter-final round of the national club championship, sponsored by Benson and Hedges.

Furness, winners of the northern title, should be at full strength for their game against Bury St Edmunds YMCA at Middlesbrough. Furness also have a difficult game today against St George's in the Durham league at Newcastle. Waller, one of their best players, may not be available for this match but expects to play tomorrow. Timperley, who play Isca at Exeter, are bringing back Copus, an Oxford Blue, from Germany.

Nottingham seem to have too much skill for RAOC whom they meet on the RAF Gaydon Ground, near Kineton, Warwickshire but there should be a more even struggle between Bristol and Slough at Beggar Bush Lane, Failand, Bristol. Both sides are assisted by leading county players.

The teams for today's university match are:

OXFORD: *J. F. Brown (RGS Newcastle and Nuffield); *P. J. Hardman (King's Macclesfield and St Peter's), G. D. Featherstone (Kingston GS and St Peter's); *A. A. Hobkirk (British Columbia University and Jesus, captain), T. D. Norfolk (Kent College and Balliol), C. M. G. Pouncey (Marlborough and Wycliffe), *A. L. Dymond (Natal University and Pembroke), T. C. Goulty (Bootham and Corpus Christi), M. Precious (Scarborough College and University), J. L. Walton. Reserves: B. S. Wells (Colston School Bristol and Wadham), R. Endley (Cape Town University and Trinity).

CAMBRIDGE (from): B. J. Probert (Dauntsey's and St Catharine's); *G. G. Menzies (Felsted and St Catharine's, captain), D. J. S. Shoeherdson (Merchant Taylor's Crosby and St Catharine's), *A. Payne (Gresham's and Magdalen), D. I. R. Pollerran (Wellington and Trinity), D. Jarrett (Wellington and St Catharine's), *I. J. Sobey (Adelaide University and Trinity), *A. J. C. Dodds (Kingston GS and St Catharine's), R. C. A. Gomm (King's Bruton and Selwyn), *C. K. Bond (Stowe and Sidney Sussex), I. A. Williamson (Millfield and Downing), C. H. Flaisner (Haberdashers' Aske's and St Catharine's), J. Sammuel (King Edward VI, Southampton and Trinity Hall), R. Higham (Rugby and Jesus).

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Golf

# Radical change in format of Ryder Cup

Next year's Ryder Cup golf match between Great Britain and Ireland and the United States will be at Royal Lytham and St Annes with a radical change in the format of the event.

There will be one series of matches on each of the three days, September 15 to 17. It will begin with five four-balls, followed by five foursomes and conclude with 10 singles on the last day, making a total of 20 points at stake.

Previously, there were eight four-balls, eight foursomes and 16 singles, each split into two series. The reduction in the total points from 32 should give Britain and Ireland a better chance of victory.

The match was last played at Lytham in 1961, when the United States won 14½—9½. The matches will continue to be sponsored by the Sun Alliance and London Insurance Group, who, in a five-year spell between 1973 and 1977, will have put £180,000 into British golf.

Ken Schofield, secretary of the Professional Golfers' Association's tournament players' division, said the teams would remain at 12-a-side and the British captain, almost certainly non-playing again, would be chosen at the end of the coming season.

# Jenkins takes lead with a round of 66

Los Angeles, Feb 20.—Tom Jenkins, of the United States, had a round of 66 (five under par) to take a one-stroke lead over Sam Snead and Tom Watson after the first round of the Glen Campbell open golf tournament here. Jenkins, who won the Philadelphia tournament last year, had five birdies in his round. Watson and the 63-year-old Snead twice went two over par in their rounds of 67.

LEADING SCORES: 66: T. Jenkins; 67: S. Snead, T. Watson; 68: D. January, H. Green, L. Wadkins, J. Masserio, D. Tewell; 69: D. Hayes (SA), B. Devlin (Australia), H. Irwin, H. Irwin, F. Zoeller, L. Loll, R. Maltbie. Other scores: 70: A. J. Jacklin (GB); 72: G. Player (SA).

MANILA: 140: E. Nival (Philippines), 71, 69; 141: H. Chi-San (Taiwan), 71, 70; M. Ferguson (Australia), 72, 69; O. Manchao (Philippines), 73, 68; 142: Y. Yokoyama (Japan), 71, 71; S. Onshum (Thailand), 71, 71. British scores: 154: P. Wilcox, 76, 78; 160: M. Bembridge, 84, 76.

The winner of the Benson and Hedges international open tournament to be held at Fulford, York, this year will receive £8,000, £500 more than the winner of the British Open championship. The event, formerly the Benson and Hedges golf festival, is being played on this course for the sixth year in succession.

## Latest European snow reports

| | Depth (cm) L | Depth (cm) U | Piste | Conditions off Piste | Weather (3 pm) | °C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anzère | 65 | 120 | Fair | Crust | Sun | 4 |
| Some spring snow | | | | | | |
| Champéry | 30 | 80 | Good | Varied | Fine | 4 |
| Worn patches on lower slopes | | | | | | |
| Crans | 30 | 100 | Good | Varied | Fine | 3 |
| Still skiable to village | | | | | | |
| Davos | 30 | 150 | Good | Varied | Fine | 5 |
| Lower slopes fair | | | | | | |
| Kitzbühel | 40 | 120 | Good | Varied | Fine | -7 |
| Sun melting snow on lower slopes | | | | | | |
| Les Ménuires | 75 | 140 | Good | Heavy | Fine | -3 |
| Good skiing over 2000 metres | | | | | | |
| Sauze d'Oulx | 70 | 160 | Good | Powder | Cloud | -7 |
| Good powder snow on hard base | | | | | | |
| Seefeld | 53 | 105 | Good | Heavy | Fine | 5 |
| Good piste, some worn patches | | | | | | |
| Val d'Isère | 95 | 170 | Good | Varied | Fine | -1 |
| Good skiing conditions | | | | | | |
| Wengen | 45 | 100 | Good | Varied | Sun | 3 |
| Spring snow on south slopes | | | | | | |

In the above snow reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes.

The following reports have been received from other sources:

| | Depth (cm) L | Depth (cm) U | State of Piste | Weather | °C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FRANCE | | | | | |
| Auron | 100 | 170 | Good | Sun | — |
| Courchevel | 50 | 200 | Good | Sun | — |
| La Plagne | 175 | 140 | Good | Sun | — |
| Le Corbier | 80 | 200 | Good | Sun | — |
| Les Arcs | 100 | 155 | Good | Sun | — |
| Superdévoluy | 60 | 250 | Good | Sun | — |
| NORWAY | | | | | |
| Finse | 210 | 240 | Good | — | -17 |
| Geilo | 50 | 60 | Good | — | -3 |
| Gol | 60 | 65 | Good | — | -5 |
| Lillehammer | 75 | 70 | Good | — | [illegible] |
| Norefjell | 50 | 60 | Good | — | [illegible] |
| Oslo | 50 | 65 | Good | — | [illegible] |
| Rauland | 65 | 110 | Good | — | [illegible] |
| Voss | 125 | 145 | Good | — | -4 |
| SPAIN | | | | | |
| Baqueira-Beret | 90 | 170 | Good | Cloud | [illegible] |
| Cerler | 50 | 100 | Good | Sun | -1 |
| Formigal | — | 275 | Good | — | -1 |
| La Molina | 10 | 50 | Fair | Cloud | -1 |
| [illegible] | — | 125 | Good | — | -1 |
| Navacerrada | 50 | 45 | Good | — | -1 |
| Pantícosa | — | 160 | Good | — | -1 |
| San Isidro | 150 | 250 | Good | Snow | -2 |

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BUSINESS NEWS

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# State industry chiefs to renew claim for big salary increases

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

Claims for substantial increases in the salaries paid to the men who direct Britain's big nationalized industries are to be resubmitted to the Prime Minister.

The chairmen of 16 state industry boards are to meet on Wednesday at the Electricity Council's headquarters under the chairmanship of Sir William Ryland, the Post Office Corporation's chairman, to discuss their grievances and the Government's refusal to implement an award made over a year ago.

They are hoping to win the support of trade union leaders in spite of the ban on pay rises for those earning more than £8,500 a year. The grounds are that those in major public posts have not been given a general pay rise for six years, setting an example during an unprecedented period of inflation not followed by any others in high-income groups.

In December 1974 Lord Boyle's independent Top Salaries Review Body recommended substantial rises, and the case was recently restated in Lord Diamond's report from the royal commission on the Distribution of Income and Wealth on the subject of higher incomes.

The heads of big nationalized industries, while accepting the present total pay freeze on those earning over £8,500, are worried that if they do not press the case now, they may face new restrictions, for the TUC has apparently decided to ask for a ceiling of £20,000 on top salaries.

The chairmen feel adjustments will have to be made to allow reasonable differentials in top management pay and to help hold people in the public sector as well as attract newcomers to big jobs in state enterprises.

Mr Wilson froze the Boyle recommendation made in December 1974, though MPs were awarded £1,250-a-year rises just before the £6 limit was applied to those earning under £8,500.

After the recent Lord Diamond report the Government has promised to consult all interested parties before any decisions are taken.

Under the Boyle recommendations Sir Monty Finniston, British Steel chairman, who is paid £28,100, would get £40,000 a year. Sir William Ryland would go from £23,100 to £40,000.

Various other state chairmen, covering airways, railways, gas and electricity, would go to £35,000 a year from £23,100. Commensurate rises have been proposed for board members, ranging between £18,000 and £27,500.

A number of senior civil servants have also gone without recommended rises in deference to national pay policy.

The big question is whether the recognition of the need for better salaries, indicated in some recent government-approved appointments, will be extended to other state chiefs.

As chief executive of British Leyland, Mr Alex Park is receiving £50,000 plus board fees, and Lord Ryder has been given a salary of £31,850 for heading the National Enterprise Board.

Salaries have yet to be disclosed for Lord Kearton at the British National Oil Corporation and Sir Frank McFadzean, new chairman of British Airways, where the rate has been £23,100.

The battle for more pay is not an easy one for state chiefs to win at this time, but the chairmen are bound to fight it as the case is not one of self-interest.

The problem concerns their fellow board members, many of whom are underpaid—some get less than the men they manage. The case for raising the fees of part-time board members, usually receiving a nominal £1,000 a year, is also to be taken up.

When Mr Wilson froze their pay levels, Lord Boyle's committee expressed its "deep regret" and described the action as unjustified given the background of past restraint and the comparison with private-sector jobs.

At the moment ministerial salaries are under review following last year's increases for MPs.

Heads of the Coal Board, the Gas Corporation, Steel Corporation, electricity authorities, the Airways Board, Airports Authority, British Railways, the Transport Docks Board, the British Waterways Board, the National Freight Corporation and the National Bus Company will be among those attending Wednesday's council of war.

The meeting takes place under the aegis of the fast-developing Nationalized Industries Group, which will eventually have its own funds secretariat and research facilities to deal with matters of mutual interest and to represent state industry on various issues, including relationships with government.

The chairman, Sir William Lems of the nationalized industries do not affect chairmen alone. In recent years board members generally have suffered a more severe decline of the value of their take-home pay than virtually any other group of people. Senior officials have also felt the impact.

"Some are being headhunted. There have been invitations to take less demanding jobs elsewhere for salaries well in excess of what the individuals concerned are getting today. Officials see promotion to board level as being not worth the candle.

"It all adds up to responsibility without fair reward, as well as without power."

# White Paper worries equities and long gilts

By Our Financial Staff

Both long-dated gilts and equities reacted unfavourably on the London stock market yesterday to the White Paper on public spending.

While the short end of the fixed-interest market was able to overcome early nervousness and close with marginal gains, "longs" drifted down three quarters of a point in quiet trading. An attempt at a rally around midday soon petered out.

The same considerations brought widespread losses around the equity market. Though the tone was firmer at the end the *FT* index was still down 4.8 to 391.9—a drop of 13.6 for the week and of 15.8 for the two-week account.

But dealers emphasized that the decline was the result of a lack of buyers rather than real selling pressure and they do not expect heavy falls next week in what is still essentially a firm market.

Worries over the effects of spending programme cuts brought some heavy losses to construction industry shares, but gold issues, after several days of decline, made a strong rally with late United States support.

Among the "blue chips" the best performer was ICI, helped by its better-than-expected results on Thursday. But Unilever, always a volatile share and now regarded by some as the market leader, proved to be the weakest.

Construction industry shares apart, another soft spot was in high street supermarkets where fears for the future level of consumer expenditure took their toll.

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# Wall St again beats trading record

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Feb 20

Share trading volumes on United States stock exchanges are daily setting new records as the Dow Jones industrial share index surges upward towards the 1,00 level, which has not been reached since January, 1973.

Wall Street today broke its trading volume record for the second consecutive day, with 44.51 million shares changing hands compared with yesterday's 39.21 million.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 12.04 points up at 987.80, after having risen 15.67 points yesterday.

Brokers report increasing evidence of strengthening investor confidence. A further boost to sentiment was provided today with the news that American consumer prices, on an unadjusted basis, rose by only 0.2 per cent in January to register the smallest monthly gain seen since July, 1973.

Fears that the Federal Reserve Board would move to a somewhat tighter monetary policy have so far proved unwarranted, and the markets were supported today by the announcement that the First National Bank of New York was holding its prime lending rate at 6.5 per cent—the lowest level since late 1972.

Brokers in New York and Washington claim that they are coping well with the record volume of securities traded.

They point out that much of the business is still from institutions, but that there are now growing signs that confidence is becoming more widespread and small investors appear to be returning in increasingly large numbers.

One optimistic broker said this morning: "We'll see trading regularly of more than 40 million shares and the Dow at a record level."

The Dow index last reached 1,000 in November, 1972, and its record closing level was 1,051.70 established on January 11, 1973.

New York Stock Exchange officials said most brokers appeared to be coping well with the huge volume of business. They pointed out that individual transactions had tended to be large, which had helped greatly.

Institutions continue to dominate business, so accounting for the high volume of individual transactions. The number of transactions in the market yesterday was 68,417, producing an average individual transaction of 573 shares, compared with an average of 438 in 1974.

But the average is likely to decline now that more and more small investors are coming back into the market, and brokers say this could cause some technical difficulties.

One broker said today: "The market is due for a rest and for some profit-taking." He added, however, that the underlying trend was clearly upwards, and while some technical reactions must be expected, there was no basis for pessimism.

The market is clearly being cheered by the widespread forecasts by economists that the economy is firmly recovering from the recession, and by the mass of new statistics which strengthen this assertion.

The Bureau of Labour statistics today reported that consumer prices in January rose at a seasonally adjusted 0.4 per cent, compared to a 0.5 per cent gain in December.

The compound annual rate of price increases from three months ago stood at 6.5 per cent in January, compared with 10 per cent in January of last year.

Latest statistics on gross national product, industrial production, retail sales and employment, all add strength to the Administration's new forecasts of significant improvement in the economy this year.

# 3.7 million Electra shares not taken up

Underwriters have been left to take up 3.7 million of the 12.5 million shares offered for sale this week in Electra Investment Trust.

When application lists for the offer closed yesterday—and last-minute institutional investors may have been put off by the market uncertainty after the White Paper on public expenditure—applications had been received for a total of 8.8 million shares.

Proceeds of the offer, totalling nearly £11m, go to the parent company vendors, Globe and Cable investment trusts, which after the offer still hold almost 75 per cent of Electra equity capital between them. Letters of acceptance will be posted in time for dealings to start on Wednesday.

## £23m grant scheme for paper industry

Mr Kaufman, the Minister for Industry, announced yesterday a £23m grant-aid plan for Britain's paper industry. Mr Kaufman visited Bury and Radcliffe, where there is the biggest concentration of paper mills in Europe, and saw over Radcliffe Paper Mill.

Announcing the scheme, Mr Kaufman said grants would be available for more plant and machinery for processing waste paper and increased storage capacity for waste paper. Money would also be available for recycling.

## Europe finance for Korea nuclear plant

South Korea is apparently making headway in plans to build two nuclear power plants with French and other West European help.

Mr Song In-Sang, Korean ambassador to Belgium, who is in Seoul for consultations, said yesterday that France, Belgium and Italy were about to form a consortium to help finance the projects. Each will cost about $1,000m (£500m).

Seoul newspapers quoted Commerce and Industry Ministry sources as saying that it plans to begin construction work by 1978 on the two 900-megawatt plants for completion by 1983.

## Natural rubber study

Tate & Lyle announced yesterday that its engineering agricultural division had been [illegible] the mercial natural rubber industry in Sierra Leone. It would be carried out in association with *The Economist* Intelligence Unit and had been commissioned by the Ministry of Overseas Development at the request of Sierra Leone.

## French car sales up

New registrations of private cars in France jumped by 49.5 per cent to 151,860 in January compared with the same month a year before, and were 10 per cent higher than in January, 1973, according to provisional figures released yesterday by the French Auto Builders' Association.

## BP pipeline order

Pipelaying contracts in the Shetlands worth £8m have been awarded by British Petroleum to William Press and Son and Land and Marine Engineering. The lines will feed the Brent and Ninian marine pipelines from their landfalls at Gruting Wick and Firths Voe into the joint terminal at Sullom Voe.

## Kodak investing £10m

Capital expenditure of about £10m this year was announced yesterday by Kodak in Britain, a large part of it covering the purchase of a 550-acre site near Nottingham which is to be developed over the next 25 years.

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## Iran 'seeks yen loan'

Iran is asking Japan for a yen credit equivalent to $1,000m (£500m) to help finance construction of a 500,000-barrel a day oil refining plant, according to *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*, the financial daily.

# Bank call for societies to cut rates

By Margaret Stone

A long range warning was delivered to the building society movement last night by one of Britain's senior bankers.

Mr Deryk Weyer, senior general manager of Barclays Bank, said last night that he hoped that building societies would reduce their investment rates to avoid increasing the cost of bank funds to industry.

He added that it would be a matter of concern if competition between the banks and the building societies for deposits had the ultimate effect of diverting the supply of funds from industry to the societies or making those funds more expensive.

The plea to the building societies was clearly of a long-term nature with Mr Weyer making it clear he was referring to the position after the Budget when the societies have already said they will be reconsidering their interest rates.

But Mr Weyer did make the particular point of reminding the building society movement: "There was a time not so long ago when we restrained our deposit interest so as not to embarrass the building societies."

# Liquidator finds Norton plant offer acceptable

By Clifford Webb

Mr Kenneth Morgan, the liquidator for Norton Villiers, Wolverhampton, confirmed yesterday that a consortium led by the Australian businessman Mr Ronald Titcombe had made a provisional offer to buy the motor cycle plant which was acceptable to him.

But he said the deal could not be completed until it had [illegible] and the debenture holders and creditors. The banks will consider the offer next Wednesday.

It is understood that the offer involves the purchase of the factory buildings for £750,000. This would give Mr Titcombe immediate access. He would then lease the plant and equipment and be licensed to operate them.

At the same time he would contract to find the balance of the total purchase price—about £3m—within 90 days.

A rival consortium represented by Mr Peter Constance of Cardiff told Mr Morgan yesterday that they expected to put their bid before him some time next week.

# Felixstowe to consider new bid by Ferries

By John Brennan

Mr Keith Wickenden, chairman of European Ferries, has confirmed that the £6.8m offer for Felixstowe Dock and Railway, announced on Thursday, is "significantly higher" than the conditional terms rejected by Felixstowe's board last week.

Once they receive the formal offer documents, the port's directors are to reconsider their opposition to the ferry group's bid, which counters the £5.24m takeover offer by the British Transport Docks Board, reluctantly accepted by Felixstowe's shareholders last November.

European Ferries is offering five of its ordinary shares for every two of Felixstowe's ordinary stock units. Yesterday European Ferries shares dipped 2p to 70p, while Felixstowe's stock rose 10p to 155p.

Felixstowe's shareholders will receive an additional 15p cash per share if the Bill promoted by the docks board to enable it to carry out its bid fails to receive Royal Assent.

The Bill has had a very slow passage through Parliament so far, being the subject of a number of blocking motions and proposals for amendment. As it is a private, rather than a government-backed motion, the Government may have to permit time for its debate if the Bill is to be passed by July or August, the date suggested by the docks board.

European Ferries, which is one of the largest users of the Felixstowe docks, decided to go ahead with its bid, despite the board's opposition, after discussions with port employees.

At a meeting on Wednesday members of the main port union, the Transport and General Workers' Union, voted to take a neutral line on both the docks board's and European Ferries' bids.

# Gulf Arabs' common market plan

Beirut, Feb 20.—Arab oil-producing nations of the Persian Gulf plan to set up a common market and unify their currencies, a Kuwaiti government spokesman said yesterday.

Mr Rashid Abdul Aziz al-Rashid made the announcement in Bahrain after visits to Saudi Arabia and Qatar. He is also scheduled to visit the United Arab Emirates, according to the Kuwaiti state radio.

He said agreement had been reached by the four Gulf powers to conclude bilateral accords that would gradually set the stage for creation of the "Gulf Common Market".

They are also discussing the best ways to create a unified currency for the four countries to "shield their monetary resources against international money fluctuations and other economic problems", Mr Rashid added.

"The whole process is part of the understanding by the four countries that they should take the necessary steps to complement each other economically stage by stage."

There have been several previous reports that Arab oil nations of the Gulf, led by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, were conducting unannounced studies about the feasibility of creating an "Arab dinar" as their unified currency.—AP-Dow Jones.

# Agreement to harmonize export credit conditions

Brussels, Feb 20.—Six industrialized nations, including Britain, the United States and Japan, have reached a tentative agreement on harmonizing export credit conditions, including [illegible] export financing. It was learned today from diplomatic sources.

These sources said the agreement, subject to government approval, was hammered out last week by experts of Britain, the United States, Japan, France, West Germany and Italy meeting in Paris.

The agreement is aimed at avoiding any competitive outbidding on export credit terms among the world's main exporting nations.

The sources said that under the tentative agreement reached in Paris, all six nations broadly agreed not to go beyond an interest rate of 7.5 per cent for any official export credit extended up to five years and a minimum rate of 8 per cent for credits running longer than five years.

The agreement also stipulates that if the grant element in an export credit can be considered as official economic aid.

Export credit financing of satellite ground stations, of shipbuilding and of aircraft is understood to have been excluded from the agreement.

The Community Court of Justice has ruled that export credits are essentially a matter of trade policy for which the Community as a whole is responsible.

Even at the risk of running into legal trouble, France, with West German backing, is understood to be determined to negotiate independently with non-EEC nations on export credits. —AP-Dow Jones.

# British cars may benefit from Japanese move

By Edward Townsend

Reports that the Japanese government has partially postponed the enforcement of its 1975 emission control standards for imported cars brought a cautious welcome yesterday from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

The 1975 standards were to have been effective on imported vehicles from April this year, but it was said in Tokyo that the Transport Ministry had decided, as a result of pressure from West European countries and Japanese importers, to waive the standards after April 1 on foreign cars manufactured before April.

The SMMT said that it had not yet received official confirmation. But if it was the case that cars which met the 1975 standards, including new models introduced after April 1, could be imported into Japan without having to meet the 1976 standards, it would be a "useful concession" which might benefit some British manufacturers.

Japanese standards are particularly stringent and have been cited by British manufacturers as one of the hidden controls on foreign cars.

Enforcement of the 1975 standards would exclude many European models from the Japanese market. The Volkswagen 1200 LS is the only European car to pass the test, while 39 variations of eight United States models have met the standards.

Japanese cars now account for about 10 per cent of the United Kingdom market while exports of British cars to Japan last year totalled 1,767.

# Coal and electricity chiefs disagree on energy policy

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consider some basic difficulties of fuel policy. That group, made up of management and union representatives from the coal and electricity industries and officials of the Department of Energy and the Scottish and Welsh Offices, is to produce papers on specific matters.

They include imports and exports, the possible conversion of some power stations to other fuels, difficulties over ordering new stations and how those should be tackled, and special difficulties associated with Wales and Scotland.

Mr Benn also wants to organize another meeting, at which oil, gas and nuclear industries would be included to consider longer-term energy questions.

Sir Derek emphasized the importance of keeping to long-term plans for coal rather than scrapping policies because of short-term changes. He spelt out a programme to safeguard the coal industry's future in which the generating board's involvement was vital.

But Mr Hawkins said the generating board was attempting to create a balanced fuel supply and, noting the vast sums being spent by the oil industry in developing the North Sea fields, he said that it could not "pull the rug from under the feet of the oil companies".

At a time when nationalized industries were being asked to curb expenditure it would be "quite ridiculous" to embark on a policy of converting existing power stations in view of the reduced demand and the unlikelihood of new stations being ordered before 1980.

The coal board says that there is no case for new oil-fired capacity and told Mr Benn that all the main conventional power stations should be capable of burning coal in the 1990s.

Sir Derek and Mr Hawkins are agreed, however, in wanting a revenue-earning tax on all natural gas supplies landed in Britain which would conserve the gas from rapid exploitation and give a measure of protection in the market to coal.

# £25m state aid for investment

New industrial investment totalling more than £152m and backed by £25m of state assistance has been approved since the Government introduced its latest financial incentives for companies.

Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said last night that the schemes would produce a balance of payments saving of between £60m and £80m a year.

"Surely here is an example of the effective and economical use of public money we must look for increasingly."

Mr Varley, speaking to Wakefield Chamber of Commerce, said that a Department of Industry survey suggested that a 10-15 per cent increase in capital expenditure in industry would finally happen in 1977, the first for three years.

This year, after allowing for inflation, manufacturing investment could be at its lowest level for 12 years. It was crucial that this investment was achieved sooner.

# BNOC names the first of four managing directors

By Roger Vielvoye

The British National Oil Corporation has taken the first step towards creating its management structure with the appointment of Mr Alastair Morton as one of the four managing directors who will run the corporation along with Lord Kearton, the chairman and chief executive.

Mr Morton, a former senior executive with the Industrial Reorganization Corporation, is head of Draymont Securities, a joint industrial investment and management venture started by the Drayton Group and Samuel Montagu and later acquired by Midland Bank.

His salary has not been disclosed but will not be less than he earns in merchant banking. Lord Kearton said Mr Morton was not on the board and therefore not subject to the salary restraints on all public-sector board members.

Lord Kearton said yesterday that now the corporation is in operation, greater interest in executive positions were being shown by members of the oil industry.

BNOC has about 38 staff transferred from the National Coal Board with its oil and gas interests, and is recruiting. There are also 12 members on the administrative side.

Acquisition of Burmah's interests in the Ninian field would not place a particularly heavy burden, but if BNOC took over the company's interest in the Thistle field, where it is the operator, this would change.

BNOC, said Lord Kearton yesterday, had been involved in a number of preliminary discussions about participation in the United Kingdom refining industry, including taking a stake in the proposed refinery at Nigg in Scotland.

# Italy acts to aid weak companies

Rome, Feb 20.—Italy's interministerial economic planning committee announced today that seven concerns, four of them foreign, would be the first beneficiaries of a decree in January providing 10,000m lire (about £6.4m) to "salvage" weak companies.

The foreign concerns, which are in various stages of liquidation and court litigation, include Leyland-Innocenti, a Milan company formerly owned by British Leyland.

Under the decree, which has not yet been ratified by Parliament, GEPI, a Government holding company, will take over the employment of the estimated total of 10,000 workers.

It will immediately lay them off, but their continued formal "employment" will make them eligible for holiday benefits, which would vary between 80 per cent and 93 per cent of their usual salaries.—AP-Dow Jones.

# Irish bank for liquidation

Irish Trust Bank has decided to go into liquidation after receiving a direction from the Central Bank of Ireland suspending it for two months from February 18 from taking deposits and making payments not authorized by the Central Bank.

Mr Patrick Shortall, of Coopers and Lybrand, has been appointed provisional liquidator by the High Court in Dublin. He is assessing the position and will issue a further statement "as soon as possible".

The directors of Irish Trust Bank believed it was not possible to continue business under the circumstances and they have closed branches in Dublin and Manchester.

# BSC to cut 2,000 Scunthorpe jobs

A reduction of about 2,000 men in the Scunthorpe division works of the British Steel Corporation is being sought over the next two years, according to a statement issued by the corporation last night.

Works covered by the division are those at Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent, Lancashire and Scunthorpe. At Shelton the present labour force of 2,200 is to be cut to an estimated 1,000 by the end of the period.

In Lancashire the labour force is to be reduced from 1,700 to about 1,500. At two works at Scunthorpe—Normanley Park and Appleby Frodingham—the present workforce of 18,100 will be cut to 17,300 by 1978.

# Concern at Healey advertising cut

By Patricia Tisdall

Nearly 30 advertising agencies as well as newspaper publishers and television contractors will be affected by a cut of more than £8m, or 35.5 per cent, in Government spending on publicity next year.

The economies, outlined in the White Paper on public expenditure, will mean a drop in spending from the £23.1m planned for the year ending in April to £14.9m for 1977-78.

In real terms the cuts are even heavier, because of advertising rates increases. A spokesman for the Central Office of Information, which handles almost all government advertising, said yesterday that the various government departments concerned would have to decide individually how to meet the new Budget constraints. It was too soon to know which campaigns would be affected, he said.

The Government is the nation's largest advertiser, with campaigns such as the use of seat belts, energy conservation and armed forces recruitment. Altogether this year, it expects to spend around £15.4m in the press and on television, out of an industry total of about £600m.

Expenditure this year has been boosted by extra publicity allocations for counter inflation publicity, the referendum and energy conservation. The largest campaign is for energy conservation, where £3.5m has been spent on publicity and £3.25m on media advertising, mainly on television.

Next come the counter inflation programme which has cost £2.5m, of which £1.1m went directly on advertising, and the referendum, which cost £2.4m for publicity costs.

State spending on advertising has been steadily increasing in recent years and publishers and the broadcast media have come to rely on it as an important source of revenue.

The Government's plans to curtail publicity spending are greeted with general anxiety by the advertising industry, which is only starting to recover from one of its worst ever recessions. But until the separate Budget revisions are known, each sector is hoping that the economies can be made elsewhere.

Mr James Shaw, marketing director of Thames Television, the largest of the independent television contractors, says that he appreciates the Government's difficulties, but hopes that it can continue to justify the same level of investment in broadcast advertising as before.

The Government's plans are not just for a short-term curb. The White Paper shows a steady fall from the present level of £23.1m to £13m by 1978-79, which, if achieved, would be the lowest figure for eight years.

# How the markets moved

The Times index: 162.22 −2.19
The FT index: 391.9 −4.8

## Rises

| | |
|---|---|
| Blackman & C | 1p to 20½p |
| BP | 3p to 583p |
| Chase Man | 100p to 2450p |
| Fisons | 2p to 382p |
| Felixstowe Dock | 10p to 155p |
| Jessel Toynbee | 7p to 82p |
| Lloyds Bk | 2p to 252p |
| Mount Lyall | 10p to 90p |
| MK Refrigeration | 2p to 50p |
| Panang Cons | 2p to 30p |
| Rivlin ID & S | 2p to 33p |
| Sungei Besi | 2p to 33p |
| Whittingham W | 2p to 24p |
| Wankie Colliery | 8p to 38p |

## Falls

| | |
|---|---|
| Ass Port Cement | 7p to 170p |
| Bath & P'land | 41p to 44p |
| Beecham Grp | 5p to 349p |
| Brit Am Tob | 2p to 346p |
| Clough A | 20p to 40p |
| Inchcape | 7p to 393p |
| Lipton L | 3p to 30p |
| Mercantile Inv | 51p to 30p |
| Royal | 12p to 310p |
| Rea Bros | 5p to 55p |
| Sun Alliance | 10p to 423p |
| Trust Hse Forte | 9p to 128p |
| Unilever | 6p to 432p |
| Utd Ind | 1p to 91p |

Equities suffered widespread losses.

Gilt-edged securities saw falls at the longer end.

Gold was up 75 cents an ounce to $131.75.

SDR-$ was 1.16872 on Friday, while SDR-£ was 0.577459.

Sterling was up 5 points at $2.0245. The "effective devaluation" rate was 30.3 per cent.

Commodities: Led by tin, metals advanced on the LME. Reuter's index was at 1232.6 (previous 1228.4).

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## THE POUND

| | Bank buys | Bank sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 1.66 | 1.70 |
| Austria Sch | 38.00 | 38.50 |
| Belgium Fr | 83.25 | 84.75 |
| Canada $ | 2.05 | 2.08 |
| Denmark Kr | 12.70 | 12.90 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.95 | 7.99 |
| France Fr | 9.25 | 9.35 |
| Germany Dm | 5.30 | 5.40 |
| Greece Dr | 80.00 | 75.00 |
| Hongkong $ | 10.30 | 9.50 |
| Italy Lr | 1720.00 | 1730.00 |
| Japan Yn | 635.00 | 640.00 |
| Netherlands Gld | 5.50 | 5.60 |
| Norway Kr | 11.45 | 11.60 |
| Portugal Esc | 66.50 | 67.00 |
| S Africa Rd | 2.25 | 2.35 |
| Spain Pes | 136.25 | 139.75 |
| Sweden Kr | 9.10 | 8.90 |
| Switzerland Fr | 5.30 | 5.40 |
| US $ | 2.07 | 2.09 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 41.00 | 38.00 |

Rates for small denominations [illegible] only as supplied yesterday by Chase Bank International Ltd. Buying rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Building societies

# The 11 per cent myth for the big borrower

How much do you pay for your mortgage? Or if you haven't yet bought a house, how much interest would you expect to pay?

Most of those who gave 11 per cent as the answer to the second question are likely to be right. But there is a growing band of housebuyers who could be in for a rude awakening when they look at the mortgage interest rate some building societies could propose.

Contrary to the widely held view, the 11 per cent mortgage interest rate recommended by the Building Societies Association is not the rate which societies *must* charge their members. It is the *minimum* rate at which societies may offer advances to borrowers. There is no equivalent maximum rate recommended by the BSA.

For years smaller building societies have always quoted over the odds both to investors and to prospective borrowers; and, again, it is generally understood that a further ¼ per cent, or even ½ per cent, is added to the cost of an endowment mortgage.

But what has not been appreciated by the public is that over the past couple of years the major societies, which between them handle the bulk of home loans, have begun to introduce a system of differential mortgage interest rates for conventional repayment type mortgages.

The accompanying table shows how widespread this practice has become, with only five of the country's top 15 societies still operating on a standard mortgage interest rate of 11 per cent for all loans, whatever their size.

The other societies offer in the main 11 per cent on all loans up to £13,000. Until recently this was the threshold for special advances (a category of larger loans for which building societies may only earmark a fairly low proportion of their total lending).

After that the pattern varies: some societies, such as the Abbey National, add ¼ per cent to all loans in excess of £13,000, but the majority operate a sliding scale of increased interest rates for larger advances. The bands and interest rates vary from Bradford & Bingley's additional 0.1 per cent for each £1,000 of advances to the Alliance's two jumps of ½ per cent at £13,000 and then £15,000.

Several societies, including the Abbey National and Nationwide, introduced the higher charges for more expensive loans in 1973 when the housebuying public was still tempted to trade expensively upwards, although, as it happened, the fortunes of the building society movement were approaching their nadir.

Many societies tried to attract more funds from investors by offering term shares for a specified number of years at a more generous interest rate. These offers were successful and term shares now account for more than 7 per cent of savings balances with societies. However, they have to be paid for: hence differential mortgage interest rates.

This is the standard answer put forward by building societies for the introduction of higher mortgage rates for some borrowers. It overlooks the fact that societies like the Halifax, Woolwich Equitable and the Leicester Permanent also offer term shares, but have not had to resort to differential mortgage interest rates.

However, the movement's circumstances are very different now. Money is flooding in, reducing the urgency to sell term shares, and there has been a big improvement in operating margins, so that the need for higher mortgage rates to offset term share costs has diminished.

Instead, what has happened is that more and more societies have introduced them. The Burnley, the Bradford & Bingley, Britannia (previously the Leek & Westbourne) and Provincial all began a multi-tier rate system last year, while the Alliance and Hastings & Thanet jumped on the bandwagon only this year.

## Rising scale of mortgage rates

INTEREST PER SIZE OF LOAN

| Society | 11% | 11¼% | 11½% | 11¾% | 12% | Endowment |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Halifax | All loans | | | | | 11¼% |
| Abbey National | Up to £13,000 | | Above £13,000 | | | Add ¼% |
| Nationwide | Up to £11,000 | £11,000-£13,000 | £13,000-£15,000 | £15,000-£17,000 | Over £17,000 | Add ¼% |
| Leeds Permanent | All loans | | | | | 11¼% |
| Woolwich Equitable | All loans | | | | | 11¼% |
| Alliance | Up to £13,000 | | £13,000-£15,000 | | £15,000-£20,000 | Add ¼% to £13,000 Add ½% over £13,000 |
| Provincial | Up to £13,000 | | £13,000-£15,000 | | £15,000-£20,000* | 11¼% |
| Britannia | Up to £13,000 | £13,000-£15,000 | £15,000-£17,500 | £17,500-£20,000 | Over £20,000 | 11¼% |
| Leicester | All loans | | | | | 11½% |
| Bradford & Bingley | Up to £10,000 | Over £13,000 there is a rising scale of an additional 0.1% per £1,000 up to 12% on £20,000 | | | | Add ¼% |
| Anglia | Up to £13,000 | £13,000-£15,000 | £15,000-£20,000 | Over £20,000 | | Add ½% |
| Burnley | Up to £13,000 | | £13,000-£15,000 | | Over £15,000 | Add ½% to £15,000 12% over £15,000 |
| Hastings and Thanet | Up to £13,000 | | £13,000-£15,000† | | | 11¼% up to £13,000 then 12% |
| Bristol and West | All loans | | | | | 11¼% |
| Cheltenham & Gloucester | Up to £10,000 | Over £10,000 by negotiation, with an upper limit of 12% | | | | Add ¼% |

* Probably further ½% over £25,000.

† Rates negotiable between £15,000-£20,000.

It is not an exaggeration to say that differential mortgage interest rates are likely to cause the biggest rift within the Building Societies Association that the movement has seen for some time. The table effectively shows the line-up of the opposing groups.

What incenses the single-rate men most is the moral overtone which they suspect is inherent in the differential interest rate structure. The argument put forward by many protagonists is that it is only the wealthier borrowers who are likely to need the larger loans which attract the higher interest rates: they can afford it and, anyway, after allowing for tax relief, the net cost is still low.

It is, indeed, arguable whether it comes within the scope of building society executives to make this particular kind of judgment. Their job is to lend money to prospective borrowers, which is not the same as deciding that Mr Smith is wealthier than Mr Jones and therefore *ought* to pay more for his home loan.

In the first place, it is by no means a foregone conclusion that the person with the larger loan is much better off (particularly in London and the Southeast). Secondly, if there is to be discrimination between borrowers on these grounds, then the decision should be the Government's. It does, after all, have the mechanism to hand if it felt so inclined: it could abolish tax relief on higher rate mortgages.

What I find dismaying about differential mortgage rates is the way in which the societies have introduced them. This, I am afraid, can best be described as "surreptiously". The public have not been told what is happening; nor, for that matter, have the press, part of whose job is to pass on such information.

This office has received news of advantageous term shares in great and glorious detail, but not one of the societies listed above has publicized the introduction of higher rates.

Look in the *Building Societies' Gazette*. Its comprehensive list (based on material provided by the societies), of investment and mortgage rates of all societies itemizes the term share ranges, but the societies in our table all quote only a single 11 per cent mortgage rate.

This does matter. Investors hoping for priority consideration when it comes to getting a loan later on need to know beforehand what the likely mortgage interest rate will be.

It is not a sufficient answer to say that only a few people are likely to be affected. More and more borrowers could over the years reach the higher rate thresholds; it is misleading not to spell out the implications.

Margaret Stone

Fixed interest investment

# How to work out net redemption yield

My aged parent, upon whose entire innocence of all matters financial I rely for guidance when it comes to rendering the more arcane aspects of fixed interest investment in common or garden English, informs me that she didn't understand a word of my last piece: no, not a word. Now for all the bitterness with which she reviles the taxman's take, it is a fact that she is not paying 98 pence in the pound, nor anything like: and I feel that this may have inhibited her attempts at comprehension.

Nevertheless, I take her point and so I am issuing a plain warning: I propose to talk about the market and the opportunities which it presents in the companion section, but these paragraphs are for those tenacious readers—and there do seem to be a great many of them—who want to know how to work out a return at their own particular rate of tax in order that they may compare the merits of the investments available.

To compare, at either the net or the gross level, the merits of one stock against another, you have to know not merely what you are going to get at the end of the day (the par value), and the income you are going to get meantime (the flat or running yield), but also over how long a period you are going to get it (the term). And once you bring "the term" into your assessment of merits, you will have to consider discounting the return you are to receive as well.

Now I know many readers are going to start snorting wrathfully at this point, protesting vehemently that to discount the capital sum to become available at some future date, and the income arising meantime, is both unnecessary and misleading. And I have a certain amount of sympathy with them on the latter point.

For, by discounting future returns, one is trying to allow for the fact that money coming in later is not earning *now*: and, as far as I know, there is no satisfactory way of doing that while the future value of the pound and the interest to be obtained on it are matters on which Madame Roxane, mistress of the crystal ball, is as likely to be right as Mr Healey, the Chancellor.

If, however, to apply a rate of discount to future capital and income is, when you think about it, to beg more questions than you answer, *not* to apply a rate [illegible] money is still more anomalous. For there is no way in which the income due to you in 10 years' time, say, will be worth the same to you *now* as the same amount available today.

If a letter were to arrive on Monday morning containing a £100 dividend cheque from a mining company of which you had long despaired; and if, instead of spending it on champagne, you were to put it in the term shares of a building society, by the end of the year that £100 would have earned you an additional £10.77 gross.

If, instead of a cheque, the letter were to contain a promise to pay £100 in dividends in 10 years' time, it would have earned you nothing by the year-end—and I doubt whether you would be prepared to pay £100 for the promise, however copper-bottomed, either now or 12 months hence.

Determining the rate at which future capital and income should be discounted is a matter for the market as a whole: what the individual investor needs to know is how well it compares with the alternatives. At the gross level that is simple enough—he merely applies himself to the newspapers to find the gross redemption yield.

*Enthusiasm and the gilt-edged investor have, for the moment, parted company. All the recent speculation that the Bank of England would be unable to resist the pressure for a further reduction in minimum lending rate proves to have been so much wishful thinking: MLR was held yesterday at 9½ per cent for the second week running and rates on local authority loans, which have been coming down through the week, can in consequence be expected to steady on Monday.*

*As against last week's 10¼ per cent coupon on the negotiable yearling bonds—which may harden this time, but not, I think, by much—anyone prepared to lock their money away for a couple of years can get 11½ per cent from South Tyneside; and a five-year £1,000 commitment will secure 12¼ per cent from Coventry.*

*But I don't think I would be tempted in either case. True, the rates are better than the flat yield you will obtain on any similarly dated gilt, unless you are prepared to pay above par and incur a capital loss if you hold for redemption. But I think that we shall see interest rates hardening a little later in the year and there is no point in being locked into a low coupon investment when that occurs.*

*For the same reason any commitment to gilts now should be for the short term only. The worst of the fall on the White Paper measures is probably out of the way and there might be room for some advance ahead of the Budget. Again, the Transport 3 per cent 1978-88 and the British Gas 1990-95 look attractive for high tax payers—with the proviso that they watch their timing and are prepared to move out fast.*

Since, however, most investors in gilts have an eye to the tax advantages, the rate of discount to be applied to the after-tax returns on investments is going to be a much more useful guide. Establishing it, in the absence of a computer, tedious.

Let us assume, for the sake of simplicity, that the investor is to hold his gilt-edged stock to redemption (so that we know the capital sum with which he will end up), and that redemption is more than a year and a day away (so that there is no capital gains tax liability). He then needs to work out what income he will be receiving annually after tax.

Had he, for example, bought Exchequer 5 per cent 1986-89 at £50 last year, he would be receiving £10 per annum gross on every £100 invested; and if he is paying tax at 60 per cent, the income net comes down to £4 annually.

Having established this he then needs, on the trial and error method I outlined in an article on July 5 last year, to determine at what rate of interest the capital sum due at redemption, and the *net* income available in the meantime, have to be discounted to reduce their sum to the present price at which the stock is selling. And that rate of interest, once established, is the net redemption yield.

Adrienne Gleeson

Insurance

# Making sure the cover takes immediate effect

If you want to take out a life policy, there is generally rather more involved than simply signing on a dotted line. A fairly full proposal form may have to be completed. Not only will this require such basic information as occupation and date of birth (although the office will want to see your birth certificate as well), but you will also have to give information about your health, including medical treatment [illegible] and address of your doctor, and give permission for the office to contact your doctor for information about yourself. And you will be asked whether any other insurers have quoted a higher premium than that applicable for a first-class life.

If you are comparatively young, the amount of cover required is not particularly high, and if the answers to the various medical questions in the proposal form are satisfactory, the life office may accept you without any more ado, although they may first send a routine letter of inquiry to your doctor—who will receive from them a modest fee for providing information from his records.

Your doctor [illegible] throw some fresh light on you for the company. For instance, he may know more about your health than he has told you. He may feel that it would not be helpful to tell you everything, and that it is best to keep you in the dark. But, of course, he would have to disclose this information to an insurance company, although it would not pass on any details to you.

It is unlikely that your application would be turned down solely on the strength of your doctor's reply. The insurance company would probably ask you to be examined by a doctor of its choosing.

Or the company may ask for a medical examination because [illegible] assured and your age is outside its free medical limits. An examination, in that case, is simply routine.

Don't worry if you are asked to be medically examined. The chances are that you will be accepted at normal premium rates if you are not aware of any reason why you might be offered "special terms". Most offices accept between 90 and 95 per cent of proposers on normal terms, and very few people are turned down altogether.

The usual procedure is for a company to look at the proposal and seek any further information it needs (including a report from a doctor who is asked to examine [illegible]). Before you are covered, you have to accept the offer of life assurance and pay the premium.

Clearly, in the normal course of events, there will be a time lag between sending off the proposal, receiving back the acceptance letter and paying the premium; and there is a possibility of death occurring during that period.

To try to overcome that difficulty (and, no doubt, as something of a sales aid), some insurance companies will give you cover for say a month, when they receive the proposal form—if all looks well on the form and the sum assured (and your age) are within acceptable [illegible] premium has to be paid at the outset.

In this way, you can have immediate cover. If, however, for any reason, the company does not accept you, or quotes a loaded premium which is unacceptable to you, this cover will expire and your premium will be returned. If you are accepted, the temporary cover will be replaced by the permanent policy.

Normally, when a company issues an acceptance letter, it states that the assurance will come into force on payment of the first premium within 14 days of the date of the letter, provided no change has occurred in the circumstances affecting the proposal.

If you don't accept the offer, and pay the premium, until after the 14 day period, the company can ask for satisfactory evidence of continued good health before making the assurance effective. In practice, of course, a company is unlikely to make itself difficult if all looks well, since it is anxious to sell you the policy.

If, however, there has been any change since the proposal, you must tell the company. For instance, it could happen that, quite suddenly, you have to undergo surgery of one kind or another. Another point is that if, since you filled up the proposal form, another company has quoted you a "loaded" premium, you must tell the insurers at this stage—even though you have no intention of accepting the other office's quotation.

That is one reason for not obtaining too many [illegible] far as your health is concerned. Be guided by a good broker, and obtain a quotation from a company which is likely to accept you on normal terms. Even though its normal rates may be higher than those of another company, almost certainly it will be better to be accepted by it, rather than to be quoted a loaded premium from another company.

Some companies issue policies very quickly after a premium has been paid, whereas there can be long time-lags with others. Obviously, it is more satisfactory to have the policy quickly, but the legal position would not be affected in any way if you should die before receiving the policy.

Whether a claim can be made depends on whether a valid contract exists, and this is not affected by the issue of a policy. That is because a policy is not a contract; it is simply evidence that a contract exists, and is necessary for practical rather than legal reasons, as it sets out in full the terms of the agreement reached between yourself and the insurance company.

John Drummond

## Investment trust valuations

| Total Assets less current liabilities £m | Company | Date of Valuation | Annual Dividend | Net Asset Value after deducting prior-charges at market-value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | VALUATION MONTHLY | | | |
| 134.9 | Alliance | 30.01.76 | 6.25 | 258.3 |
| † | Capital & National | 30.01.76 | † | † |
| 8.4 | Claverhouse | 30.01.76 | 2.75 | 83.6 |
| 8.5 | Crossfriars | 30.01.76 | 2.4 | 84.5 |
| 5.9 | Direct Spanish Telegraph | 31.01.76 | 3.5 | 64.5 |
| 13.6 | Dundee & London | 30.01.76 | 1.85 | 72.0 |
| 75.7 | Edinburgh | 30.01.76 | 4.95 | 249.9 |
| † | First Scottish American | 2.02.76 | † | † |
| 10.6 | Grange | 30.01.76 | 1.58 | 83.5 |
| 59.3 | Great Northern | 30.01.76 | 3.24 | 120.1 |
| 56.7 | Guardian | 30.01.76 | 1.75 | 93.6 |
| 80.7 | Investment Trust Corporation | 30.01.76 | 4.527 | 245.8 |
| 68.7 | Investors Capital | 30.01.76 | 1.0 | 98.5 |
| 21.3 | Jardine Japan | 31.12.75 | 0.85 | 137.6 |
| 5.8 | Kingside | 30.01.76 | 1.75 | x57.0 |
| 30.2 | London & Holyrood | 30.01.76 | 2.55 | 133.5 |
| 21.3 | London & Montrose | 30.01.76 | 4.0 | 218.0 |
| 41.1 | London & Provincial | 30.01.76 | 2.4 | 129.2 |
| † | Mercantile | 31.01.76 | † | † |
| | do Conv Deb 1983 | 31.01.76 | £4.50 | † |
| 44.9 | Northern American | 2.02.76 | 2.3 | 114.3 |
| 6.3 | Save & Prosper Linked | 31.01.76 | — | 132.5 |
| † | Scottish Northern | 5.02.76 | † | † |
| 91.2 | Scottish United Investors | 31.01.76 | 1.55 | 107.3 |
| 41.2 | Second Alliance | 30.01.76 | 4.3 | 221.2 |
| 3.2 | Shires Investment Co | 31.01.76 | 5.6 | 124.6 |
| 36.3 | Sterling | 30.01.76 | 4.1 | 209.8 |
| 23.9 | Technology | 30.01.76 | B | 117.6 |
| 64.1 | United British Securities | 30.01.76 | 6.4 | 288.1 |
| | Baillie Gifford & Co. | | | |
| 104.0 | Scottish Mortgage | 31.01.76 | 2.3 | 138.3 |
| † | Edinburgh & Dundee | 31.01.76 | † | † |
| 50.9 | Monks | 31.01.76 | 1.05 | 62.1 |
| 13.7 | Winterbottom | 31.01.76 | 3.5 | 246.5 |
| | Baring Bros & Co Ltd | | | |
| 35.2 | Outwich | 6.02.76 | 1.8 | 124.9 |
| 23.1 | Tribune | 27.01.76 | 8.6 | 873.5 |
| | Cripps Warburg Ltd | | | |
| 13.7 | Sizewell European | 31.01.76 | 1.4 | 102.2 |
| 3.0 | Atlanta, Baltimore & Chicago | 31.01.76 | 0.15 | w57.3 |
| 3.6 | West Coast and Texas Regional | 31.01.76 | 0.45 | w69.7 |
| | Edinburgh Fund Managers Ltd | | | |
| † | American | 31.01.76 | † | † |
| 14.7 | Crescent Japan | 31.01.76 | — | 133.5 |
| | Electra House Group | | | |
| 152.3 | Cable | 30.01.76 | 4.5 | 177.0 |
| | do Conv Loan 1985/90 | 30.01.76 | £6.25 | £145.10 |
| 66.0 | Electra | 30.01.76 | 3.6 | 126.8 |
| 126.4 | Globe | 30.01.76 | 2.7 | 119.7 |
| | do Conv Loan 1987/91 | 30.01.76 | £5.50 | £104.10 |
| 21.8 | Telephone & General | 30.01.76 | 7.0 | x222.3 |
| | do Conv Loan 1987/91 | 30.01.76 | £6.00 | £89.20 |
| 10.3 | Temple Bar | 30.01.76 | 5.0 | 149.6 |
| | do Conv Loan 1985/90 | 30.01.76 | £5.75 | £119.60 |
| | F. & C. Group | | | |
| 14.4 | Alliance | 15.01.76 | 3.87 | 233.1 |
| † | Cardinal Deferred 25p | 31.01.76 | † | † |
| | do Conv Loan Stk 1985/87 | 31.01.76 | £6.00 | † |
| 4.9 | F. & C. Eurotrust | 31.01.76 | 0.5 | 64.8 |
| † | Foreign and Colonial | 31.01.76 | † | † |
| † | General Investors & Trustees | 31.01.76 | † | † |
| | Gartmore Investment (Scotland) Ltd | | | |
| 63.2 | Scottish National | 31.01.76 | 2.75 | 177.8 |
| 16.1 | Glasgow Stockholders | 31.01.76 | 2.8 | 190.1 |
| | John Govett & Co Ltd | | | |
| 71.3 | Border & Southern Stockholders | 30.01.76 | 4.8 | 339.1 |
| 32.8 | Debenture Corporation | 30.01.76 | 2.45 | 104.3 |
| 9.7 | General Stockholders | 30.01.76 | 1.125 | 124.7 |
| 17.9 | Govett European | 30.01.76 | 1.6 | 88.5 |
| 62.0 | Lake View | 30.01.76 | 1.5 | 107.6 |
| | do Conv Loan 1973/98 | 30.01.76 | £4.00 | £143.50 |
| 27.2 | London & Aberdeen Prefd & Defd 5p | 30.01.76 | 1.55 | 167.9 |
| 52.3 | Stockholders | 30.01.76 | 1.45 | 110.0 |
| | G. T. Management Ltd | | | |
| 13.3 | Berry | 31.01.76 | 0.625 | 58.3 |
| | do Conv Loan 1993 | 31.01.76 | £4.25 | £56.10 |
| 6.3 | Northern Securities | 31.01.76 | 2.45 | 134.9 |
| 10.9 | G. T. Japan | 31.01.76 | 0.5 | 129.9 |
| | Hambros Group | | | |
| 19.5 | Bishopsgate Prop & Gen | 23.01.76 | — | 112.7 |
| 19.6 | Bishopsgate Prop & Gen | 30.01.76 | 4.0 | 210.6 |
| 3.1 | City of Oxford | 30.01.76 | 2.2 | 68.7 |
| 40.1 | Hambros | 30.01.76 | *4.25 | 125.7 |
| 10.4 | Hellenic & General | 30.01.76 | 0.67 | 53.8 |
| | Rosedimond Cap Shares 25p | 30.01.76 | — | † |
| | Henderson Administration Ltd | | | |
| 110.1 | Witan | 30.01.76 | *1.5 | 108.2 |
| 20.9 | Electric & General | 30.01.76 | 1.0 | 91.1 |
| 4.6 | Greenfriar | 30.01.76 | 1.0 | 95.8 |
| 4.7 | Mendip | 30.01.76 | 1.0 | 95.7 |
| 5.3 | Lowland | 30.01.76 | 1.5 | 54.3 |
| 1.9 | English National Preferred 25p | 30.01.76 | 1.45925 | 31.6 |
| | do Deferred 25p | 30.01.76 | 0.937 | 51.2 |
| | Philip Hill (Management) Ltd | | | |
| 16.8 | City & International | 31.01.76 | 2.75 | 113.1 |
| 9.1 | General & Commercial | 31.01.76 | 3.4 | 156.8 |
| 19.2 | General Consolidated | 31.01.76 | 2.5 | 94.0 |
| 111.1 | Philip Hill | 31.01.76 | 5.0 | 203.5 |
| 3.7 | Moorgate Investment Co | 31.01.76 | 2.025 | 74.6 |
| 34.0 | Nineteen Twenty-Eight | 31.01.76 | 5.6 | 257.1 |

| Total Assets less current liabilities £m | Company | Date of Valuation | Annual Dividend | Net Asset Value after deducting prior-charges at market-value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Ivory & Sime | | | |
| 83.2 | British Assets | 30.01.76 | 1.4 | 69.5 |
| 27.3 | Second British Assets | 30.01.75 | 1.5 | 202.3 |
| 24.4 | Atlantic Assets | 30.01.76 | 0.4 | 71.7 |
| 10.9 | Viking Resources | 30.01.76 | 0.55 | 88.5 |
| | Leopold Joseph & Sons Ltd | | | |
| 3.5 | Anglo-Welsh | 30.01.76 | 1.37 | w63.1 |
| | do Conv Pref 50p | 30.01.76 | 4.375 | w63.1 |
| 5.4 | Leopold Joseph | 30.01.76 | 1.15 | 93.5 |
| 4.7 | Thanet | 30.01.76 | 2.4 | w78.5 |
| | Keyser Ullmann Ltd | | | |
| 28.4 | Throgmorton | 30.01.76 | 3.625 | 64.9 |
| 9.1 | Throgmorton Secured Growth Cap Loan Stk £1 | 30.01.76 | — | 120.4 |
| | Lazard Bros & Co Ltd | | | |
| 14.2 | Embankment | 31.01.76 | 1.95 | 97.7 |
| 48.4 | Raeburn | 31.01.76 | 3.15 | 160.8 |
| 38.8 | Romney | 31.01.76 | 2.15 | 111.4 |
| | Martin Currie & Co C.A. | | | |
| 10.1 | Canadian & Foreign | 31.01.76 | 2.4 | 136.4 |
| 17.1 | St Andrew | 31.01.76 | 3.25 | 141.4 |
| | Scottish Eastern | 31.01.76 | † | † |
| 22.2 | Scottish Ontario | 31.01.76 | 2.7 | 154.9 |
| 51.2 | Securities Trust of Scotland | 31.01.76 | 4.7 | 217.8 |
| 2.8 | Western Canada | 31.01.76 | 11.5 | 636.8 |
| | Murray Johnstone Ltd | | | |
| 37.7 | Caledonian | 31.01.76 | *1.3 | 87.7 |
| 57.8 | Clydesdale | 31.01.76 | *1.35 | 83.5 |
| 15.6 | Glendevon | 31.01.76 | *1.3 | 105.6 |
| 5.4 | Glenmurray | 31.01.76 | *1.35 | 80.5 |
| 18.1 | Scottish & Continental | 31.01.76 | 1.0 | w72.5 |
| 64.2 | Scottish Western | 31.01.75 | *1.8 | 107.1 |
| 20.6 | Second Great Northern | 31.01.76 | *£1.6 | 96.5 |
| | Noydale Ltd | | | |
| 3.0 | Simonside | 31.01.76 | 0.7 | x70.9 |
| | N. M. Rothschild & Sons Ltd | | | |
| 5.4 | Equity Consort | 20.01.76 | 5.4225 | 148.3 |
| | do Deferred 50p | 20.01.76 | 2.925 | 96.6 |
| | do Conv Loan Stk 1994 | 20.01.76 | £4.75 | £112.60 |
| 8.2 | Equity Income | 23.01.76 | 7.15 | 194.6 |
| | Schroder Wagg Group | | | |
| 18.8 | Ashdown | 30.01.76 | 3.05 | 166.8 |
| | do Conv Loan 1983/93 | 30.01.76 | £4.75 | £116.60 |
| 28.8 | Broadstone | 30.01.76 | 3.09 | 123.8 |
| | do Conv Loan 1988/93 | 30.01.76 | £4.50 | £122.50 |
| 44.3 | Continental & Industrial | 30.01.76 | 4.5 | 244.2 |
| 26.0 | Trans-Oceanic | 30.01.76 | 3.65 | 209.5 |
| | do Conv Loan 1983/93 | 30.01.76 | £4.50 | £129.40 |
| 11.1 | Westpool | 30.01.76 | 2.125 | 121.7 |
| | do Conv Loan 1929/94 | 30.01.76 | £5.00 | £109.50 |
| | Stewart Fund Managers Ltd | | | |
| 56.5 | Scottish American | 30.01.76 | 1.8 | 82.5 |
| 15.2 | Scottish European | 31.01.76 | 1.1 | 56.6 |
| | Touche Remnant & Co. | | | |
| 83.5 | Atlas Electric & General | 30.01.76 | 1.15 | 69.1 |
| 27.9 | Bankers' | 31.01.76 | 1.9 | 70.0 |
| 15.0 | C.L.R.P. | 30.01.76 | 1.4 | 86.3 |
| 28.1 | Cedar | 30.01.76 | 1.9 | 80.2 |
| 33.6 | City of London Brewery Def 25p | 31.01.76 | 2.0 | 67.7 |
| 26.4 | Continental Union | 30.01.76 | 1.31 | 143.2 |
| 151.6 | Industrial & General | 30.01.76 | 1.14 | 62.6 |
| 32.2 | International | 30.01.76 | 1.8 | 80.2 |
| 42.6 | Sphere | 30.01.76 | 2.04 | 136.0 |
| 41.8 | Standard | 30.01.76 | 4.2 | 172.8 |
| 20.4 | Trust Union | 30.01.76 | 2.0 | 123.9 |
| 55.1 | Trustees Corporation | 31.01.76 | 2.95 | 167.9 |
| | VALUATION THREE-MONTHLY | | | |
| 2.8 | Cumulus | 30.01.76 | 0.7 | 38.6 |
| 24.0 | Hume Holdings | 31.12.75 | *2.7925 | 73.1 |
| 12.4 | London Electrical & General | 31.12.75 | 2.4 | 97.1 |
| 28.5 | London Scottish American | 30.01.76 | 3.575 | 155.5 |
| 6.3 | Oil & Associated | 31.12.75 | 1.625 | 61.0 |
| | do Conv Ln Stk | 31.12.75 | £6.25 | £137.20 |
| 6.0 | Safeguard Industrial | 31.12.75 | 2.8 | 70.3 |
| 49.8 | United States Debenture Corp | 30.01.76 | 2.42 | 110.4 |
| | do Conv Ln Stk 1993 | 30.01.75 | £5.00 | £121.40 |
| | Carliol/Tyneside Group | | | |
| † | Carliol | 31.01.76 | † | † |
| | do Conv Ln 1994/99 | 31.01.76 | £4.50 | † |
| † | Tyneside | 31.01.76 | † | † |
| | do Conv Ln 1994/99 | 31.01.76 | £4.50 | † |
| | East of Scotland Investment Mngrs | | | |
| 35.9 | Aberdeen | 31.12.75 | 3.5 | 155.0 |
| 9.3 | Dominion & General | 30.11.75 | 5.25 | 211.5 |
| 22.1 | Pentland | 30.11.75 | 2.65 | 121.7 |
| | Kleinwort Benson Ltd | | | |
| 23.4 | British American & General | 31.01.75 | 1.25 | 45.8 |
| 37.5 | English & New York | 31.01.76 | 1.9 | 89.4 |

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VALUATION MONTHLY

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12.7 | Embankment Trust Ltd Ord 25p | =30.11.75 | 1.95 | 87.2 |

*—Applies to Ordinary/A Ordinary only. ac—adjusted for scrip issue. ar—adjusted for rights issue. †—company will announce year-end or interim results shortly. =—valuation two monthly. na—not available. £—includes special dividend.

Convertible stocks are treated as fully converted at the rate for the next conversion date, or where a figure is marked 'x' as prior charges: warrants or subscription rights are treated as exercised, except where a figure is marked w.

Taxation

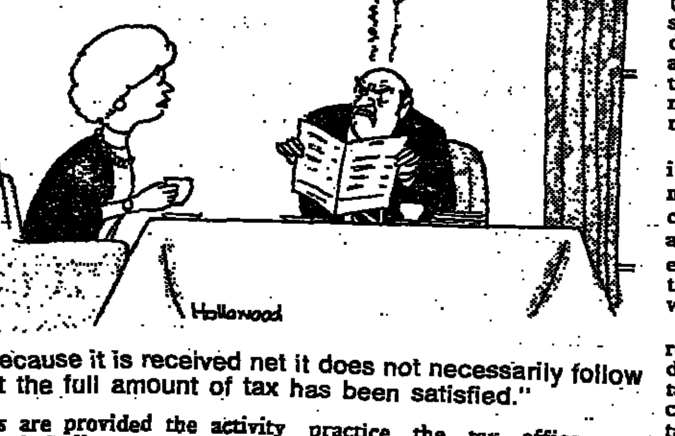
# A watchful eye on income assessments

Last week we looked at the way in which interest received gross is taxed and today we turn our attention to the other types of investment income. Most of it is taxable: only a few items of interest escape.

There is exemption for the first £40 of interest received on ordinary deposit with the National Savings Bank or Trustee Savings Banks. And, in the case of married couples, each spouse is entitled to the £40 exemption. The interest on National Savings certificates and under the SAYE scheme is also exempt.

The fact that a person may not be resident or domiciled in this country does not relieve that person from the obligation to pay United Kingdom tax on income which arises here. However, there is one important exemption for interest on certain United Kingdom government stocks held by persons *not ordinarily resident* in this country. The meaning of the terms "resident", "ordinarily resident" and "domicile" is not as straightforward as it may sound and I shall come back to them another time.

A common source of investment income on which assessments have to be raised to collect tax due at the basic and higher rates, including the investment income surcharge, is rental income, whether from furnished or unfurnished accommodation. The landlord/lady may well object to such an activity being described as an investment but it is regarded thus under the tax laws unless services of one sort or another are provided. If services are provided the activity is technically a trade and is taxed as earned income, thereby eliminating the investment income surcharge.




"Because it is received net it does not necessarily follow that the full amount of tax has been satisfied."

If the investment tag cannot be avoided, the net rents (that is, after the deduction of allowable expenses) are taxed on a current year basis, which means that the net rents receivable in the tax year are assessed for that particular year. This is quite different from the method used for taxing a trade which will be the subject of the next article.

The tax is payable on January 1 *in* the tax year. This creates the anomaly that tax has to be paid on income not yet fully received. And it creates the administrative nuisance of at least two assessments each year because one of them has to be estimated. In practice the tax office normally bases the assessment on the net rents received in the previous year. If there is little variation in the rents there is often no adjustment to reach the actual amount unless the Revenue is chivied by the taxpayer.

Certain investment income will be received net of tax. Examples are dividends, or interest from various sources such as debentures, building society deposits and most government loans. Because it is received net it does not necessarily follow that the full amount of tax has been satisfied. Only the *basic* rate tax is paid at source and if the recipient's taxable income exceeds £4,500 there will be more tax to pay at the higher rates on the gross amount less a credit for the basic rate.

Further, if the gross investment income exceeds £1,000 (or £1,500 in the case of persons over 65) after allowable deductions such as alimony and mortgage interest, there is the 10 and 15 per cent investment income surcharge to reckon with.

We saw last week that, where interest is received gross, the method of assessing the income can vary but the tax is always payable on January 1 in each tax year, or 30 days after the assessment is issued, whichever is later.

In the case of income received net of tax the rules are different. Where higher rate tax and/or the investment income surcharge is payable, the tax is calculated on the gross amount of income actually received in the tax year and the date of payment is July 6 after the end of the tax year, or 30 days after the assessment is issued, whichever is later.

The reader may have already guessed, or knows from experience, that where there are different sources of income it must be difficult—almost impossible—for the Inland Revenue to get the tax rates on each separate source right first time, and those taxpayers who do not have an accountant or other adviser need to keep a vigilant watch on what is going on. The differing bases of assessment and the different due dates for payment of the tax create the confusion that is our tax system.

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# State industry chiefs to renew claim for big salary increases

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

Claims for substantial increases in the salaries paid to the men who direct Britain's big nationalized industries are to be resubmitted to the Prime Minister.

The chairmen of 16 state industry boards are to meet on Wednesday at the Electricity Council's headquarters under the chairmanship of Sir William Ryland, the Post Office Corporation's chairman, to discuss their grievances and the Government's refusal to implement an award made over a year ago.

They are hoping to win the support of trade union leaders in spite of the ban on pay rises for those earning more than £8,500 a year. The grounds are that those in major public posts have not been given a general pay rise for six years, setting an example during an unprecedented period of inflation not followed by any others in high-income groups.

In December 1974 Lord Boyle's independent Top Salaries Review Body recommended substantial rises, and the case was recently restated in Lord Diamond's report from the royal commission on the Distribution of Income and Wealth on the subject of higher incomes.

The heads of big nationalized industries, while accepting the present total pay freeze on those earning over £8,500, are worried that if they do not press the case now, they may face new restrictions, for the TUC has apparently decided to ask for a ceiling of £20,000 on top salaries.

The chairmen feel adjustments will have to be made to allow reasonable differentials in top management pay and to help hold people in the public sector as well as attract newcomers to big jobs in state enterprises.

Mr Wilson froze the Boyle recommendation made in December 1974, though MPs were awarded £1,250-a-year rises just before the £6 limit was applied to those earning under £8,500.

After the recent Lord Diamond report the Government has promised to consult all interested parties before any decisions are taken.

Under the Boyle recommendations Sir Monty Finniston, British Steel chairman, who is paid £28,100, would get £40,000 a year. Sir William Ryland would go from £23,100 to £40,000.

Various other state chairmen, covering airways, railways, gas and electricity, would go to £35,000 a year from £23,100. Commensurate rises have been proposed for board members, ranging between £18,000 and £27,500.

A number of senior civil servants have also gone without recommended rises in deference to national pay policy.

The big question is whether the recognition of the need for better salaries, indicated in some recent government-approved appointments, will be extended to other state chiefs.

As chief executive of British Leyland, Mr Alex Park is receiving £50,000 plus board fees, and Lord Ryder has been given a salary of £31,850 for heading the National Enterprise Board.

Salaries have yet to be disclosed for Lord Kearton at the British National Oil Corporation and Sir Frank McFadzean, new chairman of British Airways, where the rate has been £23,100.

The battle for more pay is not an easy one for state chiefs to win at this time, but the chairmen are bound to fight it as the case is not one of self-interest.

The problem concerns their fellow board members, many of whom are underpaid—some get less than the men they manage. The case for raising the fees of part-time board members, usually receiving a nominal £1,000 a year, is also to be taken up.

When Mr Wilson froze their pay levels, Lord Boyle's committee expressed its "deep regret" and described the action as unjustified given the background of past restraint and the comparison with private-sector jobs.

At the moment ministerial salaries are under review following last year's increases for MPs.

Heads of the Coal Board, the Gas Corporation, Steel Corporation, electricity authorities, the Airways Board, Airports Authority, British Railways, the Transport Docks Board, the British Waterways Board, the National Freight Corporation and the National Bus Company will be among those attending Wednesday's council of war.

The meeting takes place under the aegis of the fast-developing Nationalized Industries Group, which will eventually have its own funds secretariat and research facilities to deal with matters of mutual interest and to represent state industry on various issues, including relationships with government.

The chairman, Sir William Lems of the nationalized industries do not affect chairmen alone. In recent years board members generally have suffered a more severe decline of the value of their take-home pay than virtually any other group of people. Senior officials have also felt the impact.

"Some are being headhunted. There have been invitations to take less demanding jobs elsewhere for salaries well in excess of what the individuals concerned are getting today. Officials see promotion to board level as being not worth the candle.

"It all adds up to responsibility without fair reward, as well as without power."

# White Paper worries equities and long gilts

By Our Financial Staff

Both long-dated gilts and equities reacted unfavourably on the London stock market yesterday to the White Paper on public spending.

While the short end of the fixed-interest market was able to overcome early nervousness and close with marginal gains, "longs" drifted down three quarters of a point in quiet trading. An attempt at a rally around midday soon petered out.

The same considerations brought widespread losses around the equity market. Though the tone was firmer at the end the *FT* index was still down 4.8 to 391.9—a drop of 13.6 for the week and of 15.8 for the two-week account.

But dealers emphasized that the decline was the result of a lack of buyers rather than real selling pressure and they do not expect heavy falls next week in what is still essentially a firm market.

Worries over the effects of spending programme cuts brought some heavy losses to construction industry shares, but gold issues, after several days of decline, made a strong rally with late United States support.

Among the "blue chips" the best performer was ICI, helped by its better-than-expected results on Thursday. But Unilever, always a volatile share and now regarded by some as the market leader, proved to be the weakest.

Construction industry shares apart, another soft spot was in high street supermarkets where fears for the future level of consumer expenditure took their toll.

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# Wall St again beats trading record

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Feb 20

Share trading volumes on United States stock exchanges are daily setting new records as the Dow Jones industrial share index surges upward towards the 1,00 level, which has not been reached since January, 1973.

Wall Street today broke its trading volume record for the second consecutive day, with 44.51 million shares changing hands compared with yesterday's 39.21 million.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 12.04 points up at 987.80, after having risen 15.67 points yesterday.

Brokers report increasing evidence of strengthening investor confidence. A further boost to sentiment was provided today with the news that American consumer prices, on an unadjusted basis, rose by only 0.2 per cent in January to register the smallest monthly gain seen since July, 1973.

Fears that the Federal Reserve Board would move to a somewhat tighter monetary policy have so far proved unwarranted, and the markets were supported today by the announcement that the First National Bank of New York was holding its prime lending rate at 6.5 per cent—the lowest level since late 1972.

Brokers in New York and Washington claim that they are coping well with the record volume of securities traded.

They point out that much of the business is still from institutions, but that there are now growing signs that confidence is becoming more widespread and small investors appear to be returning in increasingly large numbers.

One optimistic broker said this morning: "We'll see trading regularly of more than 40 million shares and the Dow at a record level."

The Dow index last reached 1,000 in November, 1972, and its record closing level was 1,051.70 established on January 11, 1973.

New York Stock Exchange officials said most brokers appeared to be coping well with the huge volume of business. They pointed out that individual transactions had tended to be large, which had helped greatly.

Institutions continue to dominate business, so accounting for the high volume of individual transactions. The number of transactions in the market yesterday was 68,417, producing an average individual transaction of 573 shares, compared with an average of 438 in 1974.

But the average is likely to decline now that more and more small investors are coming back into the market, and brokers say this could cause some technical difficulties.

One broker said today: "The market is due for a rest and for some profit-taking." He added, however, that the underlying trend was clearly upwards, and while some technical reactions must be expected, there was no basis for pessimism.

The market is clearly being cheered by the widespread forecasts by economists that the economy is firmly recovering from the recession, and by the mass of new statistics which strengthen this assertion.

The Bureau of Labour statistics today reported that consumer prices in January rose at a seasonally adjusted 0.4 per cent, compared to a 0.5 per cent gain in December.

The compound annual rate of price increases from three months ago stood at 6.5 per cent in January, compared with 10 per cent in January of last year.

Latest statistics on gross national product, industrial production, retail sales and employment, all add strength to the Administration's new forecasts of significant improvement in the economy this year.

# 3.7 million Electra shares not taken up

Underwriters have been left to take up 3.7 million of the 12.5 million shares offered for sale this week in Electra Investment Trust.

When application lists for the offer closed yesterday—and last-minute institutional investors may have been put off by the market uncertainty after the White Paper on public expenditure—applications had been received for a total of 8.8 million shares.

Proceeds of the offer, totalling nearly £11m, go to the parent company vendors, Globe and Cable investment trusts, which after the offer still hold almost 75 per cent of Electra equity capital between them. Letters of acceptance will be posted in time for dealings to start on Wednesday.

## £23m grant scheme for paper industry

Mr Kaufman, the Minister for Industry, announced yesterday a £23m grant-aid plan for Britain's paper industry. Mr Kaufman visited Bury and Radcliffe, where there is the biggest concentration of paper mills in Europe, and saw over Radcliffe Paper Mill.

Announcing the scheme, Mr Kaufman said grants would be available for more plant and machinery for processing waste paper and increased storage capacity for waste paper. Money would also be available for recycling.

## Europe finance for Korea nuclear plant

South Korea is apparently making headway in plans to build two nuclear power plants with French and other West European help.

Mr Song In-Sang, Korean ambassador to Belgium, who is in Seoul for consultations, said yesterday that France, Belgium and Italy were about to form a consortium to help finance the projects. Each will cost about $1,000m (£500m).

Seoul newspapers quoted Commerce and Industry Ministry sources as saying that it plans to begin construction work by 1978 on the two 900-megawatt plants for completion by 1983.

## Natural rubber study

Tate & Lyle announced yesterday that its engineering agricultural division had been [illegible] the mercial natural rubber industry in Sierra Leone. It would be carried out in association with *The Economist* Intelligence Unit and had been commissioned by the Ministry of Overseas Development at the request of Sierra Leone.

## French car sales up

New registrations of private cars in France jumped by 49.5 per cent to 151,860 in January compared with the same month a year before, and were 10 per cent higher than in January, 1973, according to provisional figures released yesterday by the French Auto Builders' Association.

## BP pipeline order

Pipelaying contracts in the Shetlands worth £8m have been awarded by British Petroleum to William Press and Son and Land and Marine Engineering. The lines will feed the Brent and Ninian marine pipelines from their landfalls at Gruting Wick and Firths Voe into the joint terminal at Sullom Voe.

## Kodak investing £10m

Capital expenditure of about £10m this year was announced yesterday by Kodak in Britain, a large part of it covering the purchase of a 550-acre site near Nottingham which is to be developed over the next 25 years.

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## Iran 'seeks yen loan'

Iran is asking Japan for a yen credit equivalent to $1,000m (£500m) to help finance construction of a 500,000-barrel a day oil refining plant, according to *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*, the financial daily.

# Bank call for societies to cut rates

By Margaret Stone

A long range warning was delivered to the building society movement last night by one of Britain's senior bankers.

Mr Deryk Weyer, senior general manager of Barclays Bank, said last night that he hoped that building societies would reduce their investment rates to avoid increasing the cost of bank funds to industry.

He added that it would be a matter of concern if competition between the banks and the building societies for deposits had the ultimate effect of diverting the supply of funds from industry to the societies or making those funds more expensive.

The plea to the building societies was clearly of a long-term nature with Mr Weyer making it clear he was referring to the position after the Budget when the societies have already said they will be reconsidering their interest rates.

But Mr Weyer did make the particular point of reminding the building society movement: "There was a time not so long ago when we restrained our deposit interest so as not to embarrass the building societies."

# Liquidator finds Norton plant offer acceptable

By Clifford Webb

Mr Kenneth Morgan, the liquidator for Norton Villiers, Wolverhampton, confirmed yesterday that a consortium led by the Australian businessman Mr Ronald Titcombe had made a provisional offer to buy the motor cycle plant which was acceptable to him.

But he said the deal could not be completed until it had [illegible] and the debenture holders and creditors. The banks will consider the offer next Wednesday.

It is understood that the offer involves the purchase of the factory buildings for £750,000. This would give Mr Titcombe immediate access. He would then lease the plant and equipment and be licensed to operate them.

At the same time he would contract to find the balance of the total purchase price—about £3m—within 90 days.

A rival consortium represented by Mr Peter Constance of Cardiff told Mr Morgan yesterday that they expected to put their bid before him some time next week.

# Felixstowe to consider new bid by Ferries

By John Brennan

Mr Keith Wickenden, chairman of European Ferries, has confirmed that the £6.8m offer for Felixstowe Dock and Railway, announced on Thursday, is "significantly higher" than the conditional terms rejected by Felixstowe's board last week.

Once they receive the formal offer documents, the port's directors are to reconsider their opposition to the ferry group's bid, which counters the £5.24m takeover offer by the British Transport Docks Board, reluctantly accepted by Felixstowe's shareholders last November.

European Ferries is offering five of its ordinary shares for every two of Felixstowe's ordinary stock units. Yesterday European Ferries shares dipped 2p to 70p, while Felixstowe's stock rose 10p to 155p.

Felixstowe's shareholders will receive an additional 15p cash per share if the Bill promoted by the docks board to enable it to carry out its bid fails to receive Royal Assent.

The Bill has had a very slow passage through Parliament so far, being the subject of a number of blocking motions and proposals for amendment. As it is a private, rather than a government-backed motion, the Government may have to permit time for its debate if the Bill is to be passed by July or August, the date suggested by the docks board.

European Ferries, which is one of the largest users of the Felixstowe docks, decided to go ahead with its bid, despite the board's opposition, after discussions with port employees.

At a meeting on Wednesday members of the main port union, the Transport and General Workers' Union, voted to take a neutral line on both the docks board's and European Ferries' bids.

# Gulf Arabs' common market plan

Beirut, Feb 20.—Arab oil-producing nations of the Persian Gulf plan to set up a common market and unify their currencies, a Kuwaiti government spokesman said yesterday.

Mr Rashid Abdul Aziz al-Rashid made the announcement in Bahrain after visits to Saudi Arabia and Qatar. He is also scheduled to visit the United Arab Emirates, according to the Kuwaiti state radio.

He said agreement had been reached by the four Gulf powers to conclude bilateral accords that would gradually set the stage for creation of the "Gulf Common Market".

They are also discussing the best ways to create a unified currency for the four countries to "shield their monetary resources against international money fluctuations and other economic problems", Mr Rashid added.

"The whole process is part of the understanding by the four countries that they should take the necessary steps to complement each other economically stage by stage."

There have been several previous reports that Arab oil nations of the Gulf, led by Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, were conducting unannounced studies about the feasibility of creating an "Arab dinar" as their unified currency.—AP-Dow Jones.

# Agreement to harmonize export credit conditions

Brussels, Feb 20.—Six industrialized nations, including Britain, the United States and Japan, have reached a tentative agreement on harmonizing export credit conditions, including [illegible] export financing. It was learned today from diplomatic sources.

These sources said the agreement, subject to government approval, was hammered out last week by experts of Britain, the United States, Japan, France, West Germany and Italy meeting in Paris.

The agreement is aimed at avoiding any competitive outbidding on export credit terms among the world's main exporting nations.

The sources said that under the tentative agreement reached in Paris, all six nations broadly agreed not to go beyond an interest rate of 7.5 per cent for any official export credit extended up to five years and a minimum rate of 8 per cent for credits running longer than five years.

The agreement also stipulates that if the grant element in an export credit can be considered as official economic aid.

Export credit financing of satellite ground stations, of shipbuilding and of aircraft is understood to have been excluded from the agreement.

The Community Court of Justice has ruled that export credits are essentially a matter of trade policy for which the Community as a whole is responsible.

Even at the risk of running into legal trouble, France, with West German backing, is understood to be determined to negotiate independently with non-EEC nations on export credits. —AP-Dow Jones.

# British cars may benefit from Japanese move

By Edward Townsend

Reports that the Japanese government has partially postponed the enforcement of its 1975 emission control standards for imported cars brought a cautious welcome yesterday from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

The 1975 standards were to have been effective on imported vehicles from April this year, but it was said in Tokyo that the Transport Ministry had decided, as a result of pressure from West European countries and Japanese importers, to waive the standards after April 1 on foreign cars manufactured before April.

The SMMT said that it had not yet received official confirmation. But if it was the case that cars which met the 1975 standards, including new models introduced after April 1, could be imported into Japan without having to meet the 1976 standards, it would be a "useful concession" which might benefit some British manufacturers.

Japanese standards are particularly stringent and have been cited by British manufacturers as one of the hidden controls on foreign cars.

Enforcement of the 1975 standards would exclude many European models from the Japanese market. The Volkswagen 1200 LS is the only European car to pass the test, while 39 variations of eight United States models have met the standards.

Japanese cars now account for about 10 per cent of the United Kingdom market while exports of British cars to Japan last year totalled 1,767.

# Coal and electricity chiefs disagree on energy policy

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consider some basic difficulties of fuel policy. That group, made up of management and union representatives from the coal and electricity industries and officials of the Department of Energy and the Scottish and Welsh Offices, is to produce papers on specific matters.

They include imports and exports, the possible conversion of some power stations to other fuels, difficulties over ordering new stations and how those should be tackled, and special difficulties associated with Wales and Scotland.

Mr Benn also wants to organize another meeting, at which oil, gas and nuclear industries would be included to consider longer-term energy questions.

Sir Derek emphasized the importance of keeping to long-term plans for coal rather than scrapping policies because of short-term changes. He spelt out a programme to safeguard the coal industry's future in which the generating board's involvement was vital.

But Mr Hawkins said the generating board was attempting to create a balanced fuel supply and, noting the vast sums being spent by the oil industry in developing the North Sea fields, he said that it could not "pull the rug from under the feet of the oil companies".

At a time when nationalized industries were being asked to curb expenditure it would be "quite ridiculous" to embark on a policy of converting existing power stations in view of the reduced demand and the unlikelihood of new stations being ordered before 1980.

The coal board says that there is no case for new oil-fired capacity and told Mr Benn that all the main conventional power stations should be capable of burning coal in the 1990s.

Sir Derek and Mr Hawkins are agreed, however, in wanting a revenue-earning tax on all natural gas supplies landed in Britain which would conserve the gas from rapid exploitation and give a measure of protection in the market to coal.

# £25m state aid for investment

New industrial investment totalling more than £152m and backed by £25m of state assistance has been approved since the Government introduced its latest financial incentives for companies.

Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said last night that the schemes would produce a balance of payments saving of between £60m and £80m a year.

"Surely here is an example of the effective and economical use of public money we must look for increasingly."

Mr Varley, speaking to Wakefield Chamber of Commerce, said that a Department of Industry survey suggested that a 10-15 per cent increase in capital expenditure in industry would finally happen in 1977, the first for three years.

This year, after allowing for inflation, manufacturing investment could be at its lowest level for 12 years. It was crucial that this investment was achieved sooner.

# BNOC names the first of four managing directors

By Roger Vielvoye

The British National Oil Corporation has taken the first step towards creating its management structure with the appointment of Mr Alastair Morton as one of the four managing directors who will run the corporation along with Lord Kearton, the chairman and chief executive.

Mr Morton, a former senior executive with the Industrial Reorganization Corporation, is head of Draymont Securities, a joint industrial investment and management venture started by the Drayton Group and Samuel Montagu and later acquired by Midland Bank.

His salary has not been disclosed but will not be less than he earns in merchant banking. Lord Kearton said Mr Morton was not on the board and therefore not subject to the salary restraints on all public-sector board members.

Lord Kearton said yesterday that now the corporation is in operation, greater interest in executive positions were being shown by members of the oil industry.

BNOC has about 38 staff transferred from the National Coal Board with its oil and gas interests, and is recruiting. There are also 12 members on the administrative side.

Acquisition of Burmah's interests in the Ninian field would not place a particularly heavy burden, but if BNOC took over the company's interest in the Thistle field, where it is the operator, this would change.

BNOC, said Lord Kearton yesterday, had been involved in a number of preliminary discussions about participation in the United Kingdom refining industry, including taking a stake in the proposed refinery at Nigg in Scotland.

# Italy acts to aid weak companies

Rome, Feb 20.—Italy's interministerial economic planning committee announced today that seven concerns, four of them foreign, would be the first beneficiaries of a decree in January providing 10,000m lire (about £6.4m) to "salvage" weak companies.

The foreign concerns, which are in various stages of liquidation and court litigation, include Leyland-Innocenti, a Milan company formerly owned by British Leyland.

Under the decree, which has not yet been ratified by Parliament, GEPI, a Government holding company, will take over the employment of the estimated total of 10,000 workers.

It will immediately lay them off, but their continued formal "employment" will make them eligible for holiday benefits, which would vary between 80 per cent and 93 per cent of their usual salaries.—AP-Dow Jones.

# Irish bank for liquidation

Irish Trust Bank has decided to go into liquidation after receiving a direction from the Central Bank of Ireland suspending it for two months from February 18 from taking deposits and making payments not authorized by the Central Bank.

Mr Patrick Shortall, of Coopers and Lybrand, has been appointed provisional liquidator by the High Court in Dublin. He is assessing the position and will issue a further statement "as soon as possible".

The directors of Irish Trust Bank believed it was not possible to continue business under the circumstances and they have closed branches in Dublin and Manchester.

# BSC to cut 2,000 Scunthorpe jobs

A reduction of about 2,000 men in the Scunthorpe division works of the British Steel Corporation is being sought over the next two years, according to a statement issued by the corporation last night.

Works covered by the division are those at Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent, Lancashire and Scunthorpe. At Shelton the present labour force of 2,200 is to be cut to an estimated 1,000 by the end of the period.

In Lancashire the labour force is to be reduced from 1,700 to about 1,500. At two works at Scunthorpe—Normanley Park and Appleby Frodingham—the present workforce of 18,100 will be cut to 17,300 by 1978.

# Concern at Healey advertising cut

By Patricia Tisdall

Nearly 30 advertising agencies as well as newspaper publishers and television contractors will be affected by a cut of more than £8m, or 35.5 per cent, in Government spending on publicity next year.

The economies, outlined in the White Paper on public expenditure, will mean a drop in spending from the £23.1m planned for the year ending in April to £14.9m for 1977-78.

In real terms the cuts are even heavier, because of advertising rates increases. A spokesman for the Central Office of Information, which handles almost all government advertising, said yesterday that the various government departments concerned would have to decide individually how to meet the new Budget constraints. It was too soon to know which campaigns would be affected, he said.

The Government is the nation's largest advertiser, with campaigns such as the use of seat belts, energy conservation and armed forces recruitment. Altogether this year, it expects to spend around £15.4m in the press and on television, out of an industry total of about £600m.

Expenditure this year has been boosted by extra publicity allocations for counter inflation publicity, the referendum and energy conservation. The largest campaign is for energy conservation, where £3.5m has been spent on publicity and £3.25m on media advertising, mainly on television.

Next come the counter inflation programme which has cost £2.5m, of which £1.1m went directly on advertising, and the referendum, which cost £2.4m for publicity costs.

State spending on advertising has been steadily increasing in recent years and publishers and the broadcast media have come to rely on it as an important source of revenue.

The Government's plans to curtail publicity spending are greeted with general anxiety by the advertising industry, which is only starting to recover from one of its worst ever recessions. But until the separate Budget revisions are known, each sector is hoping that the economies can be made elsewhere.

Mr James Shaw, marketing director of Thames Television, the largest of the independent television contractors, says that he appreciates the Government's difficulties, but hopes that it can continue to justify the same level of investment in broadcast advertising as before.

The Government's plans are not just for a short-term curb. The White Paper shows a steady fall from the present level of £23.1m to £13m by 1978-79, which, if achieved, would be the lowest figure for eight years.

# How the markets moved

The Times index: 162.22 −2.19
The FT index: 391.9 −4.8

## Rises

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| Blackman & C | 1p to 20½p |
| BP | 3p to 583p |
| Chase Man | 100p to 2450p |
| Fisons | 2p to 382p |
| Felixstowe Dock | 10p to 155p |
| Jessel Toynbee | 7p to 82p |
| Lloyds Bk | 2p to 252p |
| Mount Lyall | 10p to 90p |
| MK Refrigeration | 2p to 50p |
| Panang Cons | 2p to 30p |
| Rivlin ID & S | 2p to 33p |
| Sungei Besi | 2p to 33p |
| Whittingham W | 2p to 24p |
| Wankie Colliery | 8p to 38p |

## Falls

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| Ass Port Cement | 7p to 170p |
| Bath & P'land | 41p to 44p |
| Beecham Grp | 5p to 349p |
| Brit Am Tob | 2p to 346p |
| Clough A | 20p to 40p |
| Inchcape | 7p to 393p |
| Lipton L | 3p to 30p |
| Mercantile Inv | 51p to 30p |
| Royal | 12p to 310p |
| Rea Bros | 5p to 55p |
| Sun Alliance | 10p to 423p |
| Trust Hse Forte | 9p to 128p |
| Unilever | 6p to 432p |
| Utd Ind | 1p to 91p |

Equities suffered widespread losses.

Gilt-edged securities saw falls at the longer end.

Gold was up 75 cents an ounce to $131.75.

SDR-$ was 1.16872 on Friday, while SDR-£ was 0.577459.

Sterling was up 5 points at $2.0245. The "effective devaluation" rate was 30.3 per cent.

Commodities: Led by tin, metals advanced on the LME. Reuter's index was at 1232.6 (previous 1228.4).

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## THE POUND

| | Bank buys | Bank sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 1.66 | 1.70 |
| Austria Sch | 38.00 | 38.50 |
| Belgium Fr | 83.25 | 84.75 |
| Canada $ | 2.05 | 2.08 |
| Denmark Kr | 12.70 | 12.90 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.95 | 7.99 |
| France Fr | 9.25 | 9.35 |
| Germany Dm | 5.30 | 5.40 |
| Greece Dr | 80.00 | 75.00 |
| Hongkong $ | 10.30 | 9.50 |
| Italy Lr | 1720.00 | 1730.00 |
| Japan Yn | 635.00 | 640.00 |
| Netherlands Gld | 5.50 | 5.60 |
| Norway Kr | 11.45 | 11.60 |
| Portugal Esc | 66.50 | 67.00 |
| S Africa Rd | 2.25 | 2.35 |
| Spain Pes | 136.25 | 139.75 |
| Sweden Kr | 9.10 | 8.90 |
| Switzerland Fr | 5.30 | 5.40 |
| US $ | 2.07 | 2.09 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 41.00 | 38.00 |

Rates for small denominations [illegible] only as supplied yesterday by Chase Bank International Ltd. Buying rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Bank Base Rates Table 22

# FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

## Commodities

### Metals move up on the LME

With tin as the most prominent feature, conditions were firm on the London Metal Exchange yesterday. Standard cash tin moved up £50.50 per tonne and three months was a similar sum ahead. In high grade, cash went £50 ahead while three months was £57.50 higher. A main factor behind the gains was a further $M18.75 rise to $M1,005.75 in the Penang price, the highest point since last August.

Copper, which dropped back slightly on Thursday, made fresh gains, cash wire bars advancing £8 to £616.75 while three months went a similar sum ahead to £634.75. Cathodes were £8.50 ahead for cash and £6 ahead for three months.

Silver went ahead by about 5p on all three LME positions and both lead and zinc were about £2 above Thursday's levels on both positions.

COPPER.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £616.50-17.00 a metric ton; three months, £634.50-35.00. Sales, 5,900 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £608-08.50; three months, £624-25. Sales, 200 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £614.50-15.00; three months, £632.50-33.00. Settlement, £615. Sales, 12,600 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £606.50-607.00; three months, £623.50-24.00. Settlement, £607. Sales, 3,750 tons (mainly carries).

SILVER.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 208.90p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 423.9c); three months, 213.80p (429.1c); six months, 219.30p (436.8c); one-year, 231.50p (452c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon: Cash, 206.9-07.1p; three months, 211.9-12.1p; seven months, 219-19.5p. Sales 164 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 207.6-08.0p; three months, 212.8-13.0; seven months, 220-20.5p. Settlement 208p. Sales, 127 lots.

TIN.—Afternoon: Standard cash, £3,252-57 a metric ton; three months, £3,323-26. Sales, 515 tons. High grade, cash, £3,310-20; three months, £3,350-60. Sales, 210 tons. Morning: Standard cash, £3,265-70; three months, £3,324-26. Settlement, £3,270. Sales, 865 tons. High grade, cash, £3,320-60; three months, £3,350-60. Settlement, £3,360. Sales, 100 tons (all carries). Singapore tin ex-works, $M1005.75 a picul.

LEAD.—Afternoon: Cash, £176.25-76.75 a metric ton; three months, £183.50-83.75. Sales, 400 tons. Morning: Cash, £177.5-77.75; three months, £184.50-84.75. Settlement, £177.75. Sales, 825 tons.

ZINC.—Afternoon.—Cash, £344.50-45.00 a metric ton; three months, £355.30-36.00. Sales, 3,450 tons. Morning.—Cash, £343-46; three months, £356.30-57.00. Settlement, £346. Sales, 2,500 tons. Producers' price, $785 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was unchanged at £67.80 ($137.25) a troy ounce.

RUBBER firm.—March, 41.60-42.40p per kilo; April, 41.70-42.35p; April-June, 42.20-42.25p; July-Sept, 43.80-43.85p; Oct-Dec, 45.30-45.35p; Jan-March, 46.35-46.40p; April-June, 47.10-47.10p; July-Sept, 47.60-47.70p; Oct-Dec, 48-.10p. Sales, 8 lots at 5 tonnes; 271 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were steady.—Spot, 41.50-42.50. Cifs, March, 38.75-39.00; April, 38.90-40.00.

COFFEE. Robusta futures dropped back. March losing £15 and May falling £12. ROBUSTAS.—March, £854-855 per metric ton; May, £869-870; July, £870-880; Sept, £888-889; Nov, £897-898; Jan, £903-904; March, £909-911. Sales: 2,069 lots, including 78 options. ARABICAS were dull. Feb, $105-110 per 50 kilos; April, $110-112; June, $110-111; Aug, $109.75-111.25; Oct, $109.75-11.50; Dec, $110-111.25; Feb, $109.75-11.50. Sales, nil.

COCOA futures were £5.75 to £5 up on balance.—March, £766-68.50 per metric ton; May, £748-49; July, £756.50-56.00; Sept, £718-14.50; Dec, £691-92; March, £681-82; May, £673.50-73.00. Sales, 1,969 lots including 3 options. ICO prices: daily, 64.39c; 15-day average, 65.76c; 22-day average, 66.07c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were steady. The London daily prices were unchanged at £158 for "raws" and £177 for "whites".—March, £158.50-58.60 per long ton; May, £158.75-58.80; Aug, £159.95-60.00; Oct, £160.10-60.30; Dec, £160.65-60.75; March, £160.05-60.25; May, £160.50-61.00. Sales, 2,397 lots. ISA prices: 13.48c; 17-day average 13.41c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was barely steady.—April, £88.50-89.10 per metric ton; June, £89-89.20; Aug, £89.70-90.00; Oct, £90.50-91.10; Dec, £91.40-91.60; Feb, £92.50-93.60. Sales, 35 lots.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady.—March, 178.5-85.0p per kilo; May, 185.0-88.0p; July, 193-94p; Oct, 203-206p; Dec, 211-214p; March, 216-221p; May, 221-224p. Sales, 24 lots.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Feb-March, £195 per long ton; "D" grade, Feb-March, £187.50. Calcutta was firm.—Indian, spot, Rs510 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Daisee, spot, Rs435.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: March, £101.40; April-May, £96.15 direct Tilbury. Feb, £96.75; April, £100.65; May, £99.40; June, £99.75; July, £100.05 trans-shipment east coast. Argentine milling: Feb, £91.60; March, £91.75 east coast. EEC feed: March, £66.50; April, £67.50 east coast sellers.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: Feb, £67; March, £67.30; April, £68.60 trans-shipment east coast. South African white: April, £76.50 Glasgow. South African yellow: April, £70.75 Glasgow sellers.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per long ton cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was barely steady.—March, £63.55; May, £65.60; Sept, £66.65; Nov, £67.45; Jan, £69.20. WHEAT was barely steady.—March, £64.80; May, £67.70; Sept, £66.35; Nov, £68.05; Jan, £69.80.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices.—

| | Soft milling WHEAT | Feed WHEAT | Feed BARLEY |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kent | — | £63.60 | £63.20 |
| Lancashire | — | £61.70 | £63.30 |

The UK monetary coefficients for the week beginning Monday, February 23, will remain unchanged.

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 20.—UK: Cattle £33.14 per live cwt (—0.01). Sheep 45.4p per lb EDCW (+1.7). Pigs £4.86 per SCLW (—0.11). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 13.8 per cent, average price £33.23 (—0.02). Sheep numbers down 0.3 per cent, average price 45.5p (+1.6). Pig numbers up 0.5 per cent, average price £4.86 (—0.11). Scotland: Cattle numbers no change, average price £33.86 (—0.04). Sheep numbers up 23.8 per cent, average price 45.1p (+2.3). Pigs, nil.

**INTEL INVESTMENT FUND**

Final distribution of 1.86p net per unit for 1975, payable on February 18, making a total of 3.01p net (2.72p). Distribution increased for sixth successive year and represents highest to date.

## Foreign Exchange

Foreign exchanges were very quiet yesterday, as usual on a Friday. The dollar was firm, while the lira continued to be plagued by fears about the Italian political situation. The pound moved narrowly in fairly uneventful trading. Dealers said that the absence of a change in Minimum Lending Rate may have helped sentiment a shade in the afternoon.

Sterling's opening rate against the dollar was $2.0240. Although it moved down to $2.0220 at one stage most trading was done at around $2.0240 and the close was $2.0245, up five points on the day. The effective depreciation rate narrowed from 30.4 to 30.3 per cent.

Gold close at $131.75, up 75 cents on the day.

### Spot Position of Sterling

| | Market rates (day's range) February 20 | Market rates (close) February 20 |
|---|---|---|
| New York | $2.0220-0255 | $2.0240-0250 |
| Montreal | $2.0065-0085 | $2.0075-0085 |
| Amsterdam | 5.37-41fl | 5.40-41fl |
| Brussels | 78.50-79.10f | 79.20-40f |
| Copenhagen | 12.37-43k | 12.42-43k |
| Frankfurt | [illegible] | 5.18-19m |
| Lisbon | 55.60-56.20e | 55.85-56.10e |
| Madrid | 134.20-50p | 134.30-40p |
| Milan | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Oslo | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Paris | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Stockholm | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Tokyo | 607-15y | 611-13y |
| Vienna | 36.70-37.30sch | 36.85-37.05sch |
| Zurich | [illegible] | [illegible] |

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 down 30.4 to 30.3 per cent.

### Forward Levels

| | 1 month | 3 months |
|---|---|---|
| New York | [illegible] prem | [illegible] prem |
| Montreal | par-.10c disc | [illegible] prem-.10c disc |
| Amsterdam | 3-2c prem | [illegible] prem |
| Brussels | 20c prem-10c disc | [illegible] prem |
| Copenhagen | [illegible] prem-[illegible] disc | [illegible] prem |
| Frankfurt | [illegible] prem | [illegible] prem |
| Lisbon | 50-25c disc | 50-25c prem |
| Madrid | 70c prem-par | 100c prem-par |
| Milan | [illegible] prem-[illegible] disc | 3-4lr disc |
| Oslo | [illegible] prem | [illegible] prem |
| Paris | [illegible] disc | [illegible] disc |
| Stockholm | 3ore prem-par | [illegible] prem |
| Vienna | 20-05gro prem | 60-40gro prem |
| Zurich | [illegible] prem | 10-8c prem |

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $1.0075-81.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, [illegible]; seven days, [illegible]; one month, [illegible]; three months, [illegible]; six months, [illegible].

### Gold

Gold fixed: am, $131 (an ounce); pm, $131¾. Krugerrand (per coin): [illegible] (International). Sovereigns (old): [illegible] (new): [illegible] (International).

### North Kalgurli

Perth, Feb 17.—North Kalgurli Mines said it suspended underground drilling following the Federal Government's decision not to provide financial assistance. Known ore reserves are insufficient to justify installation of treatment plant and the drilling was designed to establish further reserves.—Reuter.

### Bank Base Rates

| | |
|---|---|
| Barclays Bank .... | 9½% |
| First London Secs | 9½% |
| C. Hoare & Co .. | *9½% |
| Lloyds Bank ...... | 9½% |
| Midland Bank .... | 9½% |
| Nat Westminster .. | 9½% |
| Rossminster ACC's | 9½% |
| Shenley Trust .... | 11½% |
| Williams & Glyn's | 9½% |

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 5½%, up to £25,000, 6¼%, over £25,000, 6¾%.

## Discount market

It was a difficult day in the discount market. At first a shortage was anticipated, but by early afternoon the authorities let it be known that credit was in surplus, and by a reasonable amount.

Nevertheless, the Bank of England ended up providing a small amount of help.

Rates stayed pretty firm throughout, opening at 8¾ to 9 per cent and still showing at 8¾ to 9 per cent for final balances.

### Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 9¼%
(Last changed 6/2/76)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Weekend: Open 9 Close 8½
Week Fixed: 8¾-9

**Treasury Bills (Dis%)**

| Buying | | Selling | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 months | 8⅞ | 2 months | 8¾ |
| 3 months | 8⅞ | 3 months | 8¾ |

**Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 months | [illegible] | 6 months | 9½ |
| 6 months | [illegible] | | |

**Local Authority Bonds**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 month | 9¼-9¾ | 7 months | 10-9½ |
| 2 months | 9¼-9¾ | 8 months | 10-9½ |
| 3 months | 9¼-9¾ | 9 months | 10-9½ |
| 4 months | 9¼-9¾ | 10 months | 10-9½ |
| 5 months | 9¼-9¾ | 11 months | 10-9½ |
| 6 months | 9¼-9¾ | 12 months | 10¼-9¾ |

**Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 month | 8⅞-8¾ | 6 months | 9¼-9⅛ |
| 3 months | 9-8⅞ | 12 months | [illegible] |

**Local Authority Market (%)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 days | 8½-8¾ | 3 months | 9 |
| 7 days | 8¾ | 6 months | 9¼ |
| 1 month | 8¾ | 1 year | 10¼-10⅛ |

**Interbank Market (%)**

Weekend: Open 8¾-8¾ Close

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 week | 9-8¾ | 6 months | 9¼-9⅛ |
| 1 month | [illegible] | 9 months | [illegible] |
| 3 months | [illegible] | 12 months | [illegible] |

**First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 months | 9¾ | 6 months | 5¾ |

Finance House Base Rate 11%

**Treasury Bill Tender**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Applications | £1037.5m | allotted | £400m. |
| Bids at | £97.90% | received | 29% |
| Last week | £97.79% | received | 50% |
| Average rate | £8.8010% | Last week | £8.9344% |
| Next week | £500m. | replace | £400m. |

### Recent Issues

| | Closing price |
|---|---|
| Bowring C.T. 10% Cnv (£100) | £30 |
| LASMO 10p Unit (10) | 170 |
| Do 14% Ln 81-83 (£100a) | £30 |
| SCOT 10p Unit (10) | 170 |
| Do 14% Ln 81-88 (£100a) | £30 |
| Treasury 9½% A 1980 (£98) | [illegible] |
| Treasury 13¼% A 1993 (£95¼) | [illegible] |

| RIGHTS ISSUES | Latest date of renun | |
|---|---|---|
| Blackwd Hodge (12¾d) | May 7 | 35 prem-2 |
| Carpets Int (75d) | Mar 26 | 1½ prem |
| Jackson JHB (13d) | Apr 9 | ¼ prem |
| LCP (57d) | | 5½ prem-1½ |
| Lloyd F. H. (57d) | Jul 30 | 7 prem-2 |
| Stenhouse (64d) | Mar 25 | 21 prem |
| Strong and Fisher (80d) | Mar 24 | 3 prem-2 |
| Wolsley Hughes (203d) | Apr 9 | 23 prem-2 |

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £50 paid.

## Earnings crash at Falconbridge

Falconbridge Nickel saw net earnings crash from C$30m in 1974 to C$3.22m (about £1.6m) in the year to the end of December as a result of the nickel slump. No figures have been given for the final quarter, while the final three months of 1974 saw a loss of $2.3m.

The difficulties are shown by the fact that total revenues last year fell to $442m from $478m despite accelerating inflation. The 1974 net earnings have been restated to reflect the $8m reduction in income and mining taxes.

### Bad first quarter indicated by Amax

Amax says that first quarter earnings are expected to be below earnings for both the first and final quarters of 1975. Net earnings for the full year would be about the level of last year, but earnings a share would be lower because there were more shares in issue.


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| 1975/76 High | 1975/76 Low | Company | Last Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div(p) | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 25 | Armitage & Rhodes | | — | 3.0 | | |
| | 94 | Deborah Services | | — | 7.5 | | |
| | 115 | Henry Sykes | | — | 4.9 | | |
| 36 | 18 | Twinlock Ord | 24 | +1 | 0.9 | 3.9 | 5.9 |
| | 45 | Twinlock 12% ULS | | — | 12.0 | | |
| 63 | 48 | Unilock Holdings | 63 | +1 | 4.5 | 7.1 | 12.2 |


## Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

| $ STRAIGHTS | Bid | Offer |
|---|---|---|
| AIDC 10½ 1981 | 104½ | 105½ |
| Air France 9¼ 1982 | 102½ | 103½ |
| Airlease 8¼ 1988 | 91 | 92 |
| ARDB 9¼ 1980 | 103¼ | 104¼ |
| Ashland 8 1987 | 94½ | 95½ |
| Barclays Bank 9¼ 1982 | 101½ | 102½ |
| BFCE 9 1983 | 102½ | 103½ |
| Broken Hill Prop 9½ 1981 | 103½ | 104½ |
| Brit Steel Corp 8¾ 1989 | 88 | 91 |
| Burlington 7¾ 1987 | 94 | 95 |
| Carrier 8 1987 | 93½ | 94½ |
| CECA 8¼ 1980 | 101¼ | 102¼ |
| Chevron 7 1980 | 99 | 100 |
| Conoco 7 1980 | 98 | 99½ |
| Conoco 8 1986 | 99½ | 100½ |
| Cons Foods 7¾ 1991 | 91½ | 92½ |
| CSR 9½ 1980 | 101½ | 102½ |
| Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988 | 95½ | 96½ |
| Curacao Tokyo 10½ 1981 | 103½ | 104½ |
| Cutler Hammer 8 1987 | 94½ | 95½ |
| Dana 8 1987 | 95 | 96 |
| Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990 | 88½ | 89½ |
| DSM 9¼ 1980 | 102½ | 103½ |
| EIB 9 1980 | 103½ | 104½ |
| EIB 9¼ 1985 | 103 | 104 |
| Escom 9¼ 1989 | 90½ | 92½ |
| Escom 10½ 1983 | 100 | 101 |
| Escom Floating Rate 9½ 1982 | 96 | 97 |
| First Chicago 7 1980 | 97½ | 98½ |
| GATX 8¼ 1987 | 95½ | 96½ |
| Gould 9½ 1985 | 101½ | 102½ |
| Guardian Royal 8 1987 | 81½ | 84½ |
| Gulf & Western 9½ 1980 | 103½ | 104½ |
| ICI 7¾ 1982 | 88 | 89 |
| Internat Util 8¼ 1982 | 97½ | 98½ |
| Motorola 8 1987 | 97 | 98 |
| Nat Coal Board 8¼ 1988 | 87 | 90 |
| New Zealand 9 1980 | 103½ | 104½ |
| New Zealand 9¼ 1982 | 103½ | 104½ |
| Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980 | 103½ | 104½ |
| Nippon Steel 9¼ 1980 | 102½ | 103½ |
| NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987 | 94 | 95 |
| Occidental 10 1981 | 100½ | 101½ |
| Ontario Hydro 9 1980 | 104½ | 105½ |
| Pacific Lighting 8 1988 | 96½ | 97½ |
| Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981 | 102½ | 103½ |
| Peanwall 8 1987 | 96 | 97 |
| Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987 | 96 | 97 |
| Scanrail 7¾ 1990 | 91½ | 92½ |
| Scanrail 8¾ 1988 | 93½ | 94½ |
| Shell 7¾ 1987 | 96½ | 97½ |
| Singer 11 1977 | 99 | 101 |
| Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981 | 105½ | 106½ |
| Standard Oil 8½ 1980 | 102½ | 103½ |
| Standard Oil 8¾ 1988 | 100½ | 101½ |
| Standard Oil 9½ 1988 | 101 | 102 |
| Statsforetag 9¼ 1980 | 96 | 97 |
| Sybron 8 1987 | 90½ | 91½ |
| Tenneco 7¾ 1987 | 90½ | 91½ |
| Textron 7¾ 1987 | 96½ | 97½ |
| Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987 | 94½ | 95½ |
| Union Oil 7¾ 1987 | 96 | 97 |
| Williams & Glyns 8¾ 1987 | 87 | 90 |
| **DM BONDS** | | |
| CFP 8 1985 | 102 | 103 |
| Denmark 9¼ 1989 | 103½ | 104½ |
| ICI 8¼ 1982 | 101 | 102 |
| Mexico 9 1980 | 102 | 103 |
| Nat Westminster 8 1988 | 98 | 99 |
| Sumitomo M I 8¾ 1983 | 101 | 102 |
| Sun Int Fin 7¾ 1988 | 95½ | 96½ |
| **$ CONVERTIBLES** | | |
| AMF 5 1987 | 71 | 73 |
| American Express 4¼ 1987 | 86½ | 88½ |
| Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992 | 96 | 98 |
| Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991 | 108 | 110 |
| Beatrice Foods 4½ 1995 | 104½ | 106½ |
| Borden 5 1992 | 95 | 97 |
| Borden 6¾ 1991 | 106½ | 107½ |
| Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987 | 76 | 78 |
| Carnation 4 1988 | 82½ | 84½ |
| Chevron 5 1988 | 102½ | 104½ |
| Cummins 6¾ 1986 | 81 | 83 |
| Dart 4¾ 1987 | 90 | 92 |
| Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988 | 120 | 121 |
| Economic Labs 4¾ 1987 | 83 | 85 |
| Federated Dept Stores 4¾ 1985 | 128 | 130 |
| Ford 5 1988 | 82 | 84 |
| Ford 6 1986 | 95 | 96 |
| Gillette 4¾ 1987 | 80 | 82 |
| Gould 5 1987 | 89 | 91 |
| General Electric 4¼ 1987 | 88 | 90 |
| Gulf and Western 5 1988 | 95 | 97 |
| Harris 5 1987 | 80 | 82 |
| Honeywell 6 1986 | 83 | 85 |
| ITT 4½ 1987 | 72½ | 74½ |
| J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987 | 134 | 136 |
| J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987 | 113 | 114 |
| Nabisco 5¾ 1988 | 94 | 96 |
| Owens Illinois 4½ 1987 | 98 | 100 |
| J. C. Penney 4¾ 1987 | 78 | 80 |
| Revlon 4¾ 1987 | 101 | 105 |
| Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988 | 98 | 100 |
| Squibb 4¾ 1987 | 83 | 85 |
| Texaco 4¾ 1988 | 75½ | 77½ |
| Union Carbide 4½ 1982 | 150 | 152 |
| Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987 | 96 | 98 |
| Xerox Corp 5 1988 | 77½ | 79½ |

DM=Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

**ANGLO-INDONESIAN**

Anglo-Indonesian Plantations has been notified by East and West Investment Trust that between January 23 and February 10 they sold 85,000 ordinary shares in Anglo, reducing their holding from 23.16 per cent to 20.59 per cent (or 681,000 shares).

**MELDRUM INV TRUST**

Pre-tax revenue for 1975, £520,000 (£538,000). Total payment, 2.31p gross (2.08p).

## Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

### Authorized Unit Trusts

[illegible]

### Insurance Bonds and Funds

[illegible]

### Offshore and International Funds

[illegible]

• Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Issued ... ‡ Previous day's price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. s Subdivided. [illegible]

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (8) Feb 25. (9) Feb 24. (10) Feb 27. (11) Mar 1. (13) Feb 29. (18) Mar 2. (19) Mar 3. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 1st Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly.

## Law Report February 20 1976

Court of Appeal

### Life sentences: judicial consciences strained

Regina v Officer

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Mr Justice MacKenna and Mr Justice Swanwick

The consciences of judges were strained to breaking point in having no alternative but to pass life sentences on persons who should be detained in a secure mental hospital but could not be because of absence of information from the Department of Health and Social Security about availability of beds, Lord Justice Lawton said in the Court of Appeal. It was to be hoped that the situation would never arise again and that administrative action would be taken to ensure that it did not.

Their Lordships allowed an appeal by Ian Officer, aged 42, an electronics engineer, against a life sentence passed at the Central Criminal Court (Mr Justice Willis) last May on a plea of guilty to attempted murder of a prostitute. He had pleaded guilty to attempted wounding with intent, theft, attempted malicious wounding of a police officer and possessing offensive weapons in the form of a swordstick and a razor in a public place. He was not sentenced for attempted wounding with intent but concurrent sentences of two years were passed on the other charges.

The court ordered the appellant to be detained without limit of time in Broadmoor hospital under sections 60 and 65 of the Mental Health Act, 1959.

Mr John Gorman, QC, for the appellant.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that the case was most disturbing. After drinking the appellant went from Guildford to London in October, 1974, with the intention of murdering a prostitute and stealing from her. He took with him a swordstick with a sharp point, an open razor, a riding crop, two whips, a bayonet, a box of white pepper and a pair of gloves. He had more to drink and went to a prostitute's flat in Soho. He lunged at her with the swordstick, but she evaded the thrust and ran away screaming. In the street he lunged with the swordstick at a police officer and struggled violently with others until he was subdued.

At the police station he made a statement that he wanted a life sentence, which would solve all his problems. He also said that he was going to attack a woman with the razor and suck her blood.

He was remanded in custody to Brixton prison. The medical officer, in a report addressed to the Marlborough Street court, did not express his own opinion, as was usual, but merely copied out a consultant psychiatrist's previous report. It said that the appellant was a disturbed man, suffered from inadequate personality, was unduly sensitive to alcohol but was willing to cooperate for treatment. It was recommended that the appellant be treated as an outpatient and that the court should consider placing him under a probation order and outpatient treatment.

Their Lordships were in no position to criticize the diagnosis of a consultant psychiatrist, but, if he knew the facts, the court was left wondering how he could possibly have made his recommendation.

The appellant was committed in October, 1974, for trial at the Central Criminal Court, and the medical department of the prison service would, in the ordinary way, have come into possession of the depositions and his statement. For no further medical report was prepared by the Brixton medical department.

On December 12, 1974, the appellant pleaded not guilty before Mr Justice Kenneth Jones to attempted murder but guilty to the other offences. The judge, understandably disturbed about the medical position, remanded him for further medical inquiries to Wandsworth.

The medical officer at Wandsworth prepared a report in which he recounted the appellant's history of alcoholism but did not seem to have appreciated that he had sadistic tendencies which made him dangerous. It recommended that the appellant should go to an open medical hospital, and stated that he "has some inadequacy of personality"—one of the understatements of all time.

Such was the state of medical evidence when he appeared before Mr Justice Willis at the Central Criminal Court on April 17, 1975, and pleaded guilty to the attempted murder charge. He was then represented by Mr Gorman, who at once appreciated that it would be unrealistic to ask the judge to make an order, with a view to the appellant going as a patient in an open hospital.

Mr Justice Willis remanded the case for a month for further medical investigation. A thorough medical investigation took place, and not before time. Dr P. D. Scott, one of the most experienced of consultant psychiatrists, saw the appellant. He concluded that the appellant's sadistic phantasy was virtually untreatable and likely to persist; that the alcoholism might be treatable but was likely to recur; and that, since the appellant was too dangerous for a regional psychiatric hospital, a restriction order was essential and there was no doubt whatever that he should be submitted for consideration of a special hospital placement under sections 60 and 65, which might take some days as permission had to be sought from the Department of Health and from a consultant at the special hospital.

Once Dr Scott's report became known to the department it should have been alerted to the very special problem of the case. Moreover Dr E. G. Lucas, of King's College Hospital, whose status should have been known to the department, was consulted by the appellant's solicitors. He reported: "This man constitutes a real danger to others. . . . It would be inappropriate and dangerous for him to be treated in a regional psychiatric hospital. I would strongly recommend he be considered for treatment in a special hospital".

Their Lordships had no clear information about what happened after the reports had been prepared. On the evidence of the senior medical officer in Wormwood Scrubbs prison, which they had heard, it seemed likely that Dr Scott communicated with Broadmoor hospital and one of their consultant psychiatrists agreed to examine the appellant. But he never did so before the date arrived for the appellant to appear again in front of Mr Justice Willis.

The judge was placed in a position in which no judge should ever be placed by the department. He had before him reports of two consultant psychiatrists of outstanding experience. Both were agreed that the appellant should be detained in a secure hospital and there could not have been a clearer case for a patient to go to a secure hospital—but, because no doctor from Broadmoor had examined him and there was no intimation from the department that a bed was available, Mr Justice Willis had no alternative but to send the appellant to life imprisonment.

Their Lordships had heard medical evidence that a prison sentence on a man in the appellant's mental condition and with his mental history was likely to exacerbate the condition.

From time to time in the past decade judges had been put in the position of having to sentence to prison for life persons who clearly ought to have gone to a mental hospital. Judges took the judicial oath of office to do justice by all men. When they had had in the past to send persons to prison because no beds were available in a secure hospital, their judicial consciences were strained almost to breaking point. It was to be hoped that in such cases that kind of problem would never arise again.

It might well be that in the present case the department was never alerted by anybody to the situation. It seemed likely that communications passed between the doctors without anybody in authority knowing what was going on. The court had met that situation before, and if their Lordships' surmise about what happened was right, clearly something ought to be done at an administrative level to ensure that such a problem never arose again.

Fortunately for justice the department now knew the situation, the appellant had been examined by a consultant psychiatrist from Broadmoor, and the two doctors and the senior medical officer at Wormwood Scrubbs were all agreed that the proper place for the appellant was a secure mental hospital, not a prison.

With satisfaction their Lordships were able to quash the life sentence and substitute orders under sections 60 and 65; and no one would be more pleased than the unfortunate judge who had been left with no alternative but to send the appellant to prison.

The appeal was allowed. The appellant was remanded in custody for not more than 28 days so that arrangements could be made for his transfer to Broadmoor.

Solicitors: Moss, Beachley.

## Tate & Lyle is confident

Thanks to its wide spread of interests, Tate & Lyle has already indicated that it expects once again to achieve a record pre-tax profit in 1976. Mr John O. Lyle, the chairman, adds in his annual report that the group has a major position in many businesses and a broad geographical base. These should help the group to cope with whatever lies ahead better than most British companies.

The auditors, Touche Ross, point out that the principle used to arrive at base stock values does not comply with the Statement of Standard Accounting Practise no 9, but in the circumstances of the group Touche Ross concur with the basis of valuation.

## Ford Motor faces 1975 decline

Despite cost cutting, Ford Motor Inc saw profits fall last year. Fewer vehicles sold and an inability to recover higher costs in prices increases were to blame. Profits in the third quarter declined 48 per cent to $47m. Extra charges (provisions for losses, higher depreciation, and currency adjustments) clipped final quarter earnings by 44 cents a share, the company said in Dearborn.

But sales world-wide in 1975 were a record $24,000m, a gain of 2 per cent. Earnings attributable to overseas operations were $161m, nearly three-fourths of world-wide net income. Overseas earnings in 1975 were the second best ever, reflecting earnings gains in Europe and Latin America.—Reuter.

## Some investment trusts favour overseas shares

Bias towards overseas earning power by institutions is apparent in the reports of two investment trusts. Revenue of Investors Capital Trust is expected to benefit from some dividend increases and from a higher sterling value of overseas income. Mr John Chiene, chairman, says if these expectations are met he hopes to recommend a slightly higher dividend.

As the trust's holding of investment currency is now such an important part of the whole fund, the board is paying increased attention to the protection from a further fall in sterling exchange which the dollar premium affords. In Japan the trust profitably switched from the financial sector to rapidly growing companies. Since the year-end, holdings in Japan and Australia have been increased.

Mr Chiene does not expect stock markets to maintain last year's growth, though current levels should hold up while world interest rates continue falling.

At Charter Trust & Agency, Mr H. C. Baring, the new chairman, says his board will continue to restrict new investment in Britain to companies with large overseas earnings and assets, and to retain enough cash to take up attractive rights issues.

Mr Baring remarks that the "voices of moderation" are having some success in the fight against the left wing of the Labour Party and the trade unions and, providing this continues, he sees a steady reduction in inflation, a lowering of interest charges, and a better outlook for company profits.

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# Lifeguard offers little of comfort to shareholders

Here are three questions for the Department of Trade:

1. Did any of Lifeguard's (or its subsidiaries') advertising lead the public to think that Lloyd's was behind it?
2. Ought Lifeguard to have been taking on new business throughout last year, when the board knew the company was facing potential problems and was actively searching for a buyer to remove those difficulties?
3. Has Lifeguard, in respect of surrender values and so on, conformed to the "reasonable expectations" of policyholders mentioned in the Insurance Companies Act?

● The 100,000 policyholders in Lifeguard Assurance should, by now, have received their first official explanation from the company since it ran into difficulties last November. It would have been agreeable to say that the statement, based on the recently completed audit to June 30, 1975, was worth waiting for; regrettably, it isn't and it has not been possible to achieve any significant improvement for the beleaguered policyholders.

The chairman-elect, Mr Victor Wood, the senior executive from Hill Samuel (an insurance

Mr Victor Wood.

specialist), was clearly disappointed that the shareholders in Lifeguard had not felt able or willing to offer more material support to the company.

One definite glimmer of light is that policies becoming claims or maturing will be deemed to have bonuses, at the current rate, attached to them. Another is that Mr Wood thinks it definite that the present moratorium on surrender values and paid-up policies—both now worth £1 only—will ultimately be lifted.

It could be as early as June this year, but more realistic values (although still well below the rather generous pre-crisis levels) will probably have to wait until 1978. Recipients of guaranteed income meanwhile are still getting the full 100 per cent payment.

All this may be of little consolation, however, to other policyholders. And the best advice one feels able to offer for those who have become policyholders, say, within the past 18 months or so, is probably to cut their losses by surrendering the policy.

Because there is no certainty that the surrender value in a few years' time will even equal premiums paid between now and then, even policyholders of longer standing should seriously consider getting out and licking their wounds rather than continuing to pay premiums. It could still turn out to be a case of throwing more good money after bad, if you think a cash value might become necessary before the policy matures.

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Investor's week

# Market wary • FMC sellers

The gilt-edged market was not slow to display its dissatisfaction with the absence of immediate cuts in public spending in last week's White Paper and equities, as so often in recent months, quickly followed suit. By yesterday afternoon gilts had recorded net losses of 1½ points since Thursday morning

ICI provided fresh evidence of the recovery in industry and the stock market still seemed a fairly cheerful place. But if gilts, having discounted further falls in United Kingdom interest rates, are now changing direction, then share prices are likely to see many more profit-takers than buyers.

*The shares of FMC, Europe's largest meat wholesaler, have been sliding steadily since the National Farmers Union Development Trust won control of the company late last year. In the past week FMC's minority shareholders, accounting for 43.3 per cent of the equity, have been selling the shares of the company at a rate which has sent the price plummeting from 55p on Monday to just 42p yesterday.*

*Why the disenchantment? Well, half-year results published at the end of November reflected the problems facing meat producers, with pre-tax profits down from 1974's £1.52m to a mere £173,000. And FMC reverted to its practice of earlier years by deferring dividend payments until the year-end.*

*Since the half year the trading picture has, if anything, deteriorated. Throughout Europe beef production is falling and figures for slaughterhouses throughput indicate a 20 per cent fall in January alone.*

*In recent weeks FMC has been laying off staff at its Calne and Ipswich operations, and the minority shareholders, many of whom are farmers well aware of the problems facing the industry, have been steadily selling.*

*Until results for the year to the end of April are available, and it is clear whether FMC can maintain last year's dividend of 3.3p gross per share, this is a share to leave alone.*

## Strength of the car dealers

It has finally sunk through to investors that the motor trade is not, after all, going bust. At the beginning of last year, when most distributors' shares reached their lowest point, the sector as a whole stood a remarkable 88 per cent below its peak levels recorded in 1969.

The outlook was appalling on almost every count. Soaring oil prices had struck a cruel blow at new car sales, which were simultaneously being smitten themselves and restrictions on hire purchase terms.

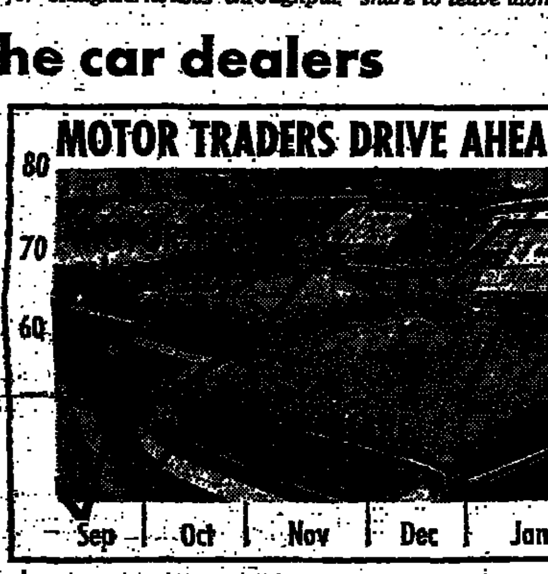
At a time when the stock market was obsessed with cash flows and liquidity, it could be seen that several leading distributors were both heavily borrowed and committed to tying up substantial working capital in the form of stocks.

Yet, since then, motor distributors have been among the best shares of all to have held. Against an increase in the FT all-share index of just over 40 per cent in the past year, the sector as a whole has more than doubled. This year alone it has climbed by about 13 per cent against a rise of less than 4 per cent for the market overall.

There have, to be sure, been some heavy setbacks in profitability. Many of the market leaders saw their profits cut by half or even more in 1974. But, despite the omens, first half figures for 1975 showed that, for many, the problems were being contained, and, for some, recovery was well under way.

Thus, for instance, BSG International's first-half profits emerged at £1.25m, compared to a meagre £251,000 in the previous first half. Caffyns' first-half profits for 1975-76 were up by 45 per cent, and H & J Quick's were doubled.

Others have fared less well—notably Dutton-Forshaw, whose first-half profits were virtually halved—but Kenning managed a modest increase, Lex was only 7 per cent down and Henlys trimmed a first-half-1974-75 downturn of 35 per cent to one




of 13 per cent in the second half.

The most important of the factors which have combined to defeat the pessimists has been that car sales were by no means as disastrous as forecast. Against initial projections of less than one million, new car registrations in 1975 were 1,190,000, by no means dramatically lower than the previous year's 1,270,000, although that figure was itself almost a quarter lower than the year before.

Moreover, there have been compensations from a fairly buoyant used car market. Demand for nearly-new cars, in particular, has been high so that prices for such cars have held up reasonably well.

Henlys, for example, has reported a 10 per cent volume increase in used car sales, albeit with margins under pressure. Dutton-Forshaw, meanwhile, has noted that despite an overall profit slide its profits from parts and service went up.

The other key factor for motor distributors is gearing. Some, particularly BSG International and Lex, are very highly borrowed in relation to shareholders' funds and have been taking various measures to cut back their borrowings. For these companies last year's decline in interest rates has been of critical importance, but even to less heavily borrowed companies falling rates have been a significant consideration, because of the normal tendency of the trade to operate on extremely fine profit margins.

Costs in relation to volume turnover are thus critical, and the ability to go on increasing turnover at a time when interest rates have been less crippling has made all the difference to the trade as a whole.

For all that, it would be unwise to underestimate the difficulties still being faced. The real cream in the trade still comes from new car sales and these are likely to continue to be depressed, particularly as long as the present hire purchase constraints apply. By later this year interest rates could, in any case, be climbing again.

After the recent share price rises the sector as a whole is selling on a price/earnings multiple of just over 9¼ compared with 10½ for the FT industrial group, and the sector yield average of just under 6 per cent is only half a point over the industrial average. In the circumstances it may be that the relative strength of the shares may not have a lot further to go.

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## Unit trust performance

Specialist fund (progress over one year and the past three years).
Unitholder index: 1,272.9; rise from January 1, 1976: 6.6%.
Average change offer to bid, income included, over past 12 months: +28.2%; over 3 years: −8.2%.
Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitholder, 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2.

| SPECIALIST | A | B |
|---|---|---|
| Gt Winch Overseas M | 69.3 | −20.7 |
| Hill Samuel Dollar | 47.3 | 60.5 |
| Bishopsgate Int F | 43.9 | −1.9 |
| M & G American | 43.2 | −1.0 |
| S & P Ebor Property | 43.2 | 1.2 |
| Charterhouse Inter | 41.4 | −10.0 |
| GT Japan & Gen | 39.3 | — |
| Grantchester | 37.4 | 6.9 |
| SW Assets | 37.0 | 18.7 |
| Security Select F | 35.7 | −3.5 |
| M & G Far Eastern | 33.8 | — |
| Hambro Secs of Amrc | 33.4 | 18.3 |
| S & P Ebor Energy | 33.0 | 11.2 |
| Jascot North Sea | 32.2 | −7.4 |
| Henderson Far East | 31.6 | — |
| Target International | 31.1 | — |
| Unicorn America | 30.7 | — |
| Unicorn Financial | 30.6 | −7.7 |
| Hill Samuel Fin | 29.8 | 26.6 |
| Abbey Investment | 29.6 | — |
| Stewart American | 29.1 | −41.5 |
| S & P Japan Growth | 28.9 | 10.7 |
| Allied Hambro Pacific | 28.7 | 5.1 |
| SW Gas | 28.5 | −23.8 |
| M & G Japan | 28.2 | −8.3 |
| Hill Samuel Int | 28.1 | 23.9 |
| Practical | 27.5 | −1.1 |
| S & P Ebor Universal | 25.7 | −10.5 |
| M & G Investment | 25.5 | −14.5 |
| Crescent Inter | 25.4 | −16.4 |
| M & G European | 25.3 | −3.6 |
| Jascot Preference | 25.0 | — |
| SW Universal Second | 25.0 | −5.2 |
| S & P US Growth | 24.4 | −5.8 |
| Target Preference | 24.0 | −5.4 |
| Target Commodity | 23.5 | −22.8 |
| Charterhouse Europn | 23.4 | 15.6 |
| Jascot Commodity | 22.7 | 1.0 |
| Target Financial | 22.2 | −19.3 |
| Midland Drayton Inter | 21.9 | 22.2 |
| S & P ITU | 21.9 | −14.6 |
| S & P European | 21.5 | 14.8 |
| London Wall Internat | 20.8 | −1.4 |
| Target Investment | 20.3 | −8.2 |
| Unicorn Worldwide | 20.2 | — |
| National West Finan | 19.9 | −9.0 |
| NPI Overseas | 19.5 | — |
| Endeavour | 19.1 | — |
| S & P Ebor Commod | 19.0 | 11.1 |
| S & P Scotbits | 18.6 | −30.1 |
| SW Invest Trst Shares | 18.4 | −21.8 |
| Lawson Gilt | 18.2 | — |
| Bridge Talisman Inter | 17.9 | −47.9 |
| S & P Ebor Financial | 17.7 | −30.4 |
| London Wall Financl | 17.6 | −22.0 |
| Henderson N. Americn | 17.6 | −14.4 |
| Charterhouse Fit | 17.4 | — |
| Allied Hambro Int | 17.0 | — |
| SW Far East | 16.7 | −15.2 |
| Gartmore Overseas | 16.6 | — |
| Trident Inter | 16.0 | −11.3 |
| S & P Financial | 15.5 | −20.3 |
| SW New Issue | 15.4 | −46.5 |
| SW Invest Trust Units | 15.0 | −23.2 |
| Henderson Internat | 14.3 | −18.0 |
| Allied Metals Mins C | 11.7 | 5.5 |
| SW North America | 11.7 | — |
| Henderson Australian | 11.5 | −30.7 |
| Rowan International | 11.2 | −22.9 |
| Unicorn Australia | 10.9 | −14.4 |
| *Jascot Australian* | 10.7 | — |
| Ionian Foreign M | 10.0 | — |
| Henderson European | 9.8 | +15.6 |
| SW Int Consumer | 9.4 | −16.3 |
| SW Global Growth | 9.2 | −7.7 |
| Schroder Europe M | 8.5 | −13.3 |
| M & G Australasian | 8.3 | −3.2 |
| Oceanic Investment | 7.8 | −32.4 |
| SW Plantations | 7.3 | −20.6 |
| GT US & General | 6.2 | — |
| Trident American | 6.0 | — |
| Jascot Fin & Prop | 5.9 | −31.4 |
| Oceanic Overseas | 4.9 | −29.9 |
| SW Banking | 4.3 | −19.6 |
| London & Brussels | 4.2 | −18.3 |
| Jascot Capital | 3.7 | −35.0 |
| SW City of London | 3.6 | −43.7 |
| New Court Int | 1.3 | −11.0 |
| Arbuthnot Eastn & Int | 1.1 | −30.3 |
| Lawson American | 1.0 | −36.0 |
| Henderson Nat Res | −0.8 | −32.4 |
| Jascot International | −2.2 | −32.0 |
| Henderson Financial | −2.3 | −33.4 |
| Oceanic Financial | −2.8 | −13.2 |
| SW Commodity | −4.2 | −4.0 |
| SW Nat Resources | −4.6 | −24.5 |
| SW Financial | −5.6 | −1.3 |
| *SW Property* | −12.2 | −41.3 |
| Midland Drayton C | −18.3 | 6.2 |
| SW Gold & General | −45.9 | −28.2 |
| SW Minerals | −53.3 | — |
| Key Energy | −100.0 | — |
| Mercury Internat | −100.0 | — |
| Trident Nil Yield | −100.0 | — |

*A: Change since February 20, 1975, offer to bid, income reinvested.*
*B: Change since March 1, 1975, offer to bid, income reinvested. Both taken to February 19, 1976.*
*M: Trust valued monthly.*
*F: Trust valued every two weeks.*

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

# Down again on White Paper as account ends

Further consideration of the Chancellor's public-spending proposals and some end-of-account profit-taking brought losses to all sections of the London stock market yesterday.

Though a degree of "new-time" buying firmed prices towards the end of the session, the *FT* index was still down by 4.8 to 391.9 at the closing calculation. This is a drop of 15.8 over the two-week account and one of 13.6 for the week.

But dealers say that a lack of buyers rather than any real selling pressure was responsible for the decline and once the White Paper recedes into the background they do not expect the index to slip significantly farther in what is still essentially a firm market.

*Some swings in prices can mean little. Yesterday the shares in Alfred Clough, the earthenware-maker, dived 20p to 40p. What happened was that dealers had to shake out a few hundred shares from tightly-clenched hands to satisfy one buyer. Last October, Clough reported a 31 per cent gain in profits.*

The gilt-edged market was disturbed by the implications of Thursday's Expenditure White Paper, with the long end the worst affected. "Shorts" were able to shake off early nervousness and eventually one or two stocks were marginally higher on the day.

"Longs" lost up to ¾ point, drifting down in quiet business. An attempt to rally around midday did not materialize.

After Thursday's good results, ICI was a comparatively strong performer among the leading industrials with a drop of just 3p to 381p.

Others fared worse, notably Unilever, always a volatile share, which gave up 6p to 432p and Beechams, down by 5p to 349p. In the wake of its accounts, British American Tobacco was a couple of points off at 346p.

General fears on the implications of spending cuts on the construction industry brought some big losses for shares like AP Cement 10p to 170p, Tunnel 7p to 178p and Rugby 4p to 70p. After results, Marchwiel suffered a rather surprising reverse of 5p to 110p, while Taylor Woodrow 4p to 290p and Mowlem 3p to 78p were other building shares in reverse.

Stores like Gus "A" 208p—and still worried by the John *Temple closures*—British Home Stores 353p and UDS 92p all gave up a few points, but fears on the future of consumer spending brought more pronounced falls to high street supermarkets.

Here Sainsbury gave up 4p to 117p, Tesco traded easier at 36½p, but Woolworth, with results soon, were down by just a penny to 78p.

The big engineers suffered some light selling which brought drops of 4p to 302p for GKN, 4p to 324p for Tube Investments and 2p to 118p for Reyrolle Parsons, an active share. After results, Neepsend slumped 8p to 46½p.

*Clarke Chapman 72p had a reasonable 1975 but observers wonder whether the 8½ per cent yield and 6.6 price earnings ratio adequately reflect an uncertain future. Prospects for boilers used in fossil fuel power stations are poor and gaps in order books have already appeared.*

There was a similar pattern in electricals and EMI gave up 3p to 241p, Thorn 4p to 246p and GEC 3p to 146p. Further consideration of results had Allied Insulators a firm spot at 29½p.

The best of the banks was Lloyds, up 2p to 252p, but Midland 5p to 295p, Barclays 3p to 302p and National Westminster 2p to 248p all lost ground. Standard Chartered was again well down on Africa worries and closed 8p down to 435p. Both insurances and properties followed the general market trend.

Shipping presented a firmer-than-average picture with P&O, after the weakness that followed its results, coming back a penny to 98p and Lefs trading firmly at 33½p. The revised bid from European Ferries put 10p to 155p on Felixstowe Dock, still well short of the 190p notional value.

Late in the day there was a brisk trade in Lonrho with the annual meeting due soon. But further thoughts on the Trust Houses Forte result clipped 9p to 128p.

The oils had a mixed day and BP gained 3p to 583p while Shell lost 2p to 378p. Ultramar lost further ground, by 2p to 172p.

Gold shares attracted some United States support in late trading and there were gains of up to 50p. The less pessimistic view of the Rhodesian position helped shares like MTD Mangula, up 5p to 80p, and Coronation Syndicate. Rhodesian bonds were also a few points better for the same reason.

In after-hours trading prices were looking just a little firmer. Several of the leaders edged ahead, though none managed to erase the losses recorded earlier in the day.

British American Tobacco and ICI were two to advance, but the building and construction pitches were still shaky. In the fixed interest sector, short-dated gilts were a little better, but there was no improvement at the long end.

Equity turnover on February 19 was £66.57m (15,432 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph were: ICI, Trust Houses Forte, EMI, GEC, Royal Insurance, British American Tobacco, Lonrho, Rank "A", RTZ, Burmah Oil, Shell, De Beers, Barclays Bank, Hanson Trust, European Ferries and Neepsend.

## Latest dividends

| Company (and par values) | Ord div | Year ago | Pay date | Year's total | Prev Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Carliol Inv (25p) S Int | 2.05 | 1.8 | 2/4 | 2.75 | 2.5 |
| Marchwiel (25p) Fin | 1.95 | 1.81 | 5/3 | 2.77 | 2.59 |
| Neepsend (25p) Int | 0.84 | 0.84 | — | — | 2.93 |
| Ritz Hotel (£1) | Nil | 4.69 | — | Nil | 4.69 |
| Tynside Inv (25p) S int | 2.05 | 1.8 | 2/4 | 2.75 | 2.50 |
| Wintrust (20p) Int | 1.03 | 0.96 | 5/4 | — | 2.92 |
| Wedgwood (25p) Int | 3.25 | 3 | 2/4 | — | 5.10 |

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54.

# Good business at Marchwiel

An all-round improvement in contracting and the ending of fixed-price contracts enabled Marchwiel Holdings, the building and civil engineering group that takes in McAlpine Construction, to hoist turnover 47 per cent to £144.3m in the year ended last October.

Motorway work benefited from the good summer, and after the previous year's low activity work on several of Marchwiel's contracts in Portugal got under way. The company also secured a £20m contract in Sudan and made further efforts to penetrate the lucrative Middle East contracting market.

Even so, competition for tenders has been stiff. Indeed, it pulled down margins from 5.3 to 4.9 per cent, so profits before tax rose less steeply, by 0.34 per cent to £7.01m. But the absence of 1974's extraordinary losses from writing off certain investments meant that profits attributable to shareholders jumped from £1.96m to £3.51m. The dividend rises by the maximum from 3.88p to 4.26p a share though the yield at 110p, down 5p yesterday, is still only 3.9 per cent. Order books have now started to shorten and the outlook is further clouded by this week's government public

### Ciro takes £1m from Howard & Wyndham

The talks between Howard & Wyndham, the theatre and publishing group, and Ciro Holdings, the jeweller, since October, have led to an offer valuing Ciro at £1m.

Howard & Wyndham, which already has 33.66 per cent of the ordinary shares and 11.33 per cent of the preference, is offering 34 of its ordinary shares for every 100 Ciro; and £67 of 18 per cent loan stock for every 100 preference share in Ciro. At a price for H & W of 23p, the terms are worth 15p for the ordinary, while the preference is 57p.

The Ciro board has irrevocably agreed to accept the offer for 3.63 per cent of the equity.

### Loss for Ritz Hotel

A fall in gross receipts from £767,000 to £667,000 at Ritz Hotel has led to a loss for the year to September 30 of £110,000. This went against a pre-tax profit of £29,000. There is no dividend against 7p gross last year.

The group, about 65 per cent controlled by *Sir Guy Bracewell Smith* (the chairman), his family and other directors, showed a loss of £46,000, against a profit of £19,000 in the first half year and a loss of £64,000, against a profit of £10,000, in the second six months.

### Wintrust falls again

Down again go the profits of Wintrust, though not as steeply as in 1974-75 when they more than halved to £800,000 before tax. In the half-year to last September they fell from £587,000 to £362,000. But the net asset value a share of this London-based banking group is still 107p against 106p. The group pays an interim of 1.59p gross against 1.45p and the board expresses confidence in group development.

### Neepsend off 9 pc at midway

Looking five months ago to no more than a "reasonably satisfactory" year to March 31, Neepsend, the former Neepsend Steel & Tool, has achieved its limited objective. In spite of recession and inflation, pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 were only 9 per cent down at £862,000, and net profits were 2 per cent higher at £412,000. The sales of this Sheffield-based special steels, tools and engineering group, rose from £6.9m to £8.6m, and included a 34 per cent increase in exports to £1.03m. The interim dividend is 1.29p gross again.

*Activities overseas*, says Mr Stanley Speight, chairman, were behind the profits made. For the full year to March 31, the chairman remains cautious. Profits will be lower than last year's £1.88m.

### Auditors qualify Northborough/INV

Referring to the directors' statement that the value of properties at April 30 last was "substantially" less than the book entry of £5.6m, the auditors qualify the accounts of Northborough Investment Trust. The accounts do not give a true and fair view of the state of affairs at that date, they say, or of the loss for the year to April 30.

The auditors also say that the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. This *assumes that the finance* required will continue to be available.

In the annual report, the Northborough board states that the company has been able to repay borrowings of £2.79m, with a saving in interest of about £360,000 a year.

With the cooperation of its bankers, the board intends to continue a policy of "orderly realizations" to repay further outstanding borrowings and to keep only income-producing assets. In this way it hopes to return to profits.

### W. W. Hall recovers

Returning to the black with pre-tax profits of £102,000 against a loss of £99,000 for the half-year to October 31, W. W. Hall says there is still to be no interim dividend. This Read*ing-based building material dis*tributor has recovered well from last year's full loss of £578,000. Mr H. W. Hall, chairman, expects the improvement to continue. In November, Mr Hall said the sales accounting records were functioning well—after auditors had qualified exceptional charges—and bank borrowings had been reduced. The net profit is £102,000, against a loss of £48,000.

### Borrowings cut as Greaves fights back

On the hard road back after plunging in 1974-75 to a £1.4m loss, Greaves Organisation, the house and commercial developer, reports pre-tax profits for the half year to end-September up from £15,000 to £39,000. Turnover was £5.7m against £6.6m. Interest charges fell from £1.2m to £825,000. Group borrowings also went down from £12.9m to less than £10m in the six months. They now stand at £8.25m. Borrowings go down further in the rest of the year to end-March. The interim dividend is again passed, but the board hopes to recommend a final (against 0.31p gross). The shares were unchanged at 16½p.

### Lines Bros payment may total 75p

The joint liquidators of Lines Brothers announce a third interim payment of 15p in the pound to unsecured creditors, making 55p in all. The final outcome for [illegible] about 75p. In addition, the third distribution on the 7 per cent loan stock is about 15.38 per cent of the principal, making 56.4 per cent; and on the 8½ per cent about 15.18 per cent, making 55.66 per cent.

As the unsecured creditors will not be discharged in full, as previously notified, the liquidators say that no return will be made to members for shares held by them. The annual meeting of members and creditors will be held on March 9.

### Kodak profits fall by a quarter

Though the turnover of Kodak, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Eastman Kodak of the United States, rose 12 per cent to £146m in 1975, pre-tax profits fell by 25 per cent to £18.3m. Mr Jim Moorfoot, chairman and managing *director, said price increases* accounted for the higher sales. The volume of products sold, he said, fell below that for 1974.

Net profits fell by 19 per cent to £8.9m. Mr Moorfoot said the drop was a "further deterioration in the rate of profit as a percentage of sales, which could not be counterbalanced by price increases." Last year the company increased its authorized share capital from £21m to £50m, by capitalizing reserves. The chairman added that any recovery in the United Kingdom economy would be "very gradual".

**HILL 50**

West Australian Premier Sir Charles Court said his government is prepared to lend Hill 50 gold mine NL one-third of the $2.5m needed to develop its Mount Magnet gold operation.

Pre-tax profit for 1975 up from R4.89m to R5.38m and total dividend raised from 11.5 cents (S. African) to 13 cents.

**LCP HOLDINGS**

In rights issue document, company recommends dividends for the year to March 31 to 6p gross (4.4p). Final dividend of 4.04p gross (3p) is proposed.

### No dividend as losses continue at Town & Com

Mr John Hines, who returned as chairman of Town & Commercial Properties after the resignation, earlier this month, of Mr Jack Walker, provides little cheer for shareholders in his statement on the 1974-75 accounts.

Having reported a £5.2m pre-tax loss in the year to the end of March, 1975, Mr Hines confirms that the group is still running a revenue loss, and that there is "*no likelihood of a* dividend for the current year".

The £7m provision made against the value of group properties appears sufficient on the basis of recent disposals, *although no updated profes*sional valuation has been made. Since the year-end sales have brought in an additional £7m. Unaudited figures to September, 1975, indicate shareholders funds of approximately £18m, compared to £21.5 at the March year-end.

### Coated Metals bides time on Walker offer

As its share price rests at 130p, Coated Metals advises shareholders to sit tight until the board has studied the official revised offer of 125p a share from private company C. advisers, Morgan Grenfell.

Walker raised its offer by 40p after purchases by Rosedale (JW) Investments (a private concern controlled by *Mr J. Walker, a joint chairman* of C. Walker) at 125p a share. Under the terms of the Takeover Code it had at least to raise its bid to that level.

## Wall Street

New York, Feb 20.—Turnover hit a record 44.51 million shares, easily topping the old mark of 39.21 million set yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 12.04 to 987.80, while the New York Stock Exchange index gained 0.35 to 54.61. Advances led declines by 982 to 592.

About twice as many issues advanced as declined. The six most active days in the exchange's history have occurred since the first of this year.

Analysts say the stock market continued to be stimulated by a flow of favourable news.

| | Feb 20 | Feb 19 |
|---|---|---|
| Allied Chem | 43⅛ | 43 |
| Allied Stores | 47 | 46¾ |
| Allied Supermkt | 3⅝ | 3⅝ |
| Allis Chalmers | 16⅞ | 16⅝ |
| Alcoa | 49⅛ | 49 |
| Amax Inc | 50⅞ | 52¼ |
| Amerada Hess | 30 | 30 |
| Am Airlines | 12 | 12 |
| Am Brands | 42¾ | 43 |
| Am Broadcast | 26½ | 26⅝ |
| Am Can | 33⅝ | 33⅝ |
| Am Cyanamid | 27 | 27 |
| Am Elec Power | 21¼ | 21⅝ |
| Am Home | 36⅞ | 36⅞ |
| Am Motors | 6 | 6 |
| Am Nat Gas | 34½ | 34⅛ |
| Am Standard | 24⅞ | 24½ |
| *Am Telephone* | 57⅛ | 57⅛ |
| AMF Inc | 21⅛ | 21⅛ |
| Anaconda | 19⅞ | 19⅞ |
| Armco Steel | 33 | 33½ |
| Asarco | 17½ | 17⅝ |
| Ashland Oil | 26⅝ | 26⅜ |
| Atlantic Richfield | 84⅛ | 85⅜ |
| Avco | 10⅛ | 9⅞ |
| Avon Products | 40⅞ | 42⅝ |
| Babcock & Wcox | 27⅛ | 27⅞ |
| Bankers Tst NY | 34½ | 34½ |
| Bank of America | 48 h | 47½h |
| Bank of NY | 32⅞ | 32⅞ |
| Beatrice Foods | 24 | 24⅛ |
| Bell & Howell | 22 | 22 |
| Bendix | 61⅝ | 57⅞ |
| Bethlehem Steel | 44 | 42⅝ |
| Boeing | 25⅞ | 26⅜ |
| Boise Cascade | 28⅛ | 28 |
| Borden | 28⅝ | 28⅜ |
| Borg Warner | 25 | 26⅜ |
| Bristol Myers | 74⅞ | 73½ |
| BP | 11⅞ | 11⅞ |
| Budd | 15½ | 14⅛ |
| Burlington Ind | 30⅞ | 31⅞ |
| Burlington Nthn | 40 | 39½ |
| Burroughs | 104⅞ | 105⅞ |
| Campbell Soup | 34⅝ | 33⅞ |
| Canadian Pacific | 17¼ | 17⅛ |
| *Caterpillar* | 83 | 83 |
| Celanese | 51½ | 50⅞ |
| Central Soya | 16½ | 16⅛ |
| Charter NY | 25½ | 25⅝ |
| Chase Manhat | 30⅝ | 30⅝ |
| Chem Bank NY | 39⅝ | 39⅛ |
| Chesapeake Ohio | 37 | 38⅞ |
| Chrysler | 15⅞ | 15⅛ |
| Citicorp | 33⅞ | 33½ |
| Cities Service | 43½ | 43¾ |
| Clark Equip | 39½ | 39⅞ |
| Coca Cola | 88⅝ | 89⅛ |
| Colgate | 27½ | 28⅛ |
| CBS | 56 | 55⅞ |
| Columbia Gas | 29⅞ | 29⅞ |
| Combustion Eng | 36⅞ | 39 |
| Comwlth Edison | 29⅛ | 29¼ |
| Cons Edison | 16⅛ | 16⅞ |
| Cons Foods | 22⅜ | 22¼ |
| Cons Power | 20⅞ | 20¼ |
| Continental Can | 29⅞ | 30 |
| Continental Oil | 65⅛ | 64½ |
| Control Data | 23⅞ | 26⅞ |
| Corning Glass | 59⅞ | 58⅞ |
| CPC Intnl. | 43⅞ | 43⅝ |
| Crane | 72⅞ | 69 |
| Crocker Int | 25⅛ | 25⅞ |
| Crown Zeller | 46⅝ | 45⅞ |
| *Dart Ind* | 39 | 37⅞ |
| Deere | 63⅞ | 61⅞ |
| Del Monte | 27⅞ | 24⅞ |
| Delta Air | 43 | 42 |
| Detroit Edison | 14⅞ | 14⅞ |
| Disney | 63⅛ | 60⅛ |
| Dow Chemical | 112 | 111⅞ |
| Dresser Ind | 73⅞ | 73½ |
| Duke Power | 18⅞ | 19⅛ |
| Du Pont | 157¼ | 153½e |
| Eastern Air | 6⅞ | 7 |
| Eastman Kodak | 111⅞ | 110⅛ |
| Eaton Corp. | 36⅛ | 35⅞ |
| El Paso Nat Gas | 14⅝ | 15 |
| Equitable Life | 29⅛ | 29⅞ |
| Esmark | 36⅞ | 36⅞ |
| Evans P. D. | 8 | 8⅛ |
| Exxon Corp | 88⅞ | 88½ |
| Fed Dept Stores | 57⅛ | 57 |
| Firestone | 23⅛ | 23⅛ |
| Fst Chicago | 20½ | 20 |
| Fst Nat Boston | 25⅞ | 24¾ |
| Fst Penn Corp | 15⅛ | 15⅛ |

| | Feb 20 | Feb 19 |
|---|---|---|
| Ford | 52 | 53 |
| GAF Corp | 15⅛ | 15½ |
| Gamble Skogmo | 23⅛ | 23⅜ |
| Gen Dynamics | 42½ | 42⅞ |
| Gen Electric | 54⅛ | 53⅞ |
| Gen Foods | 30⅛ | 29⅞ |
| Gen Instrument | 13⅞ | 13 |
| Gen Mills | 31½ | 31⅞ |
| Gen Motors | 64⅞ | 64⅞ |
| Gen Pub Util NY | 17⅞ | 17⅞ |
| Gen Tel Elec | 28 | 27⅞ |
| Gen Tire | 22½ | 22½ |
| Genesco | 8½ | 8¼ |
| Georgia Pacific | 47⅞ | 49⅞ |
| Getty Oil | 169 | 168½ |
| Gillette | 34⅝ | 34⅜ |
| Goodrich | 27⅞ | 27½ |
| *Goodyear* | 24 | 24⅞ |
| Gould Inc | 33 | 33 |
| Grace | 32 | 32⅞ |
| Gt Atlc & Pacific | 13⅛ | 12⅛ |
| Greyhound | 16⅛ | 16⅛ |
| Grumman Corp | 16⅞ | 16⅞ |
| Gulf Oil | 24⅛ | 24⅞ |
| Gulf & West. | 25⅞ | 24⅞ |
| Heinz H. J. | 51½ | 50⅞ |
| Hercules | 33⅞ | 35 |
| Honeywell | 55⅞ | 54 |
| IC Inds | 19⅛ | 19⅛ |
| Ingersoll | 87⅞ | 87½ |
| Inland Steel | 50 | 49⅞ |
| IBM | 263 | 262⅞ |
| Int Harvester | 27⅞ | 28⅜ |
| Int Nickel | 33 | 32 |
| Int Paper | 78½ | 75⅞ |
| Int Tel Tel | 29⅛ | 29⅞ |
| Jewel Co | 20⅞ | 21⅛ |
| Jim Walter | 43½ | 43⅞ |
| Johns-Manville | 28⅞ | 28⅛e |
| Johnson & John | 88⅛ | 88½ |
| Kaiser Alumin | 39⅞ | 39⅞ |
| Kennecott | 32⅛ | 32⅞ |
| Kerr McGee | 67⅞ | 68⅛ |
| Kimberly Clark | 43⅞ | 43½ |
| Kraftco Corp | 44½ | 43½ |
| Kresge SS | 34⅞ | 34 |
| Kroger | 20½ | 19⅞ |
| Ligg Myer | 34⅞ | 33⅞ |
| LTV | 14⅛ | 14 |
| Litton | 9⅞ | 9½ |
| Lockheed | 7⅞ | 7⅞ |
| Lucky Stores | 15⅞ | 15½ |
| Manuf Hanover | 33⅞ | 32⅞ |
| Mapco | 39⅛ | 39½ |
| Marathon Oil | 47⅞ | 48⅛ |
| Marcor Inc | 29½ | 29½ |
| Marine Midland | 12⅞ | 12 |
| Martin Marietta | 21 | 21 |
| McDonnell | 18 | 15⅞ |
| Mead | 27⅛ | 26⅞ |
| Merck | 69⅞ | 70 |
| Minnesota Mng | 59⅞ | 59 |
| Mobil Oil | 55⅞ | 53⅞ |
| Monsanto | 97⅞ | 97⅛ |
| Morgan J. P. | 6 | 59⅛ |
| Motorola | 48⅛ | 49 |
| NCR Corp | 31⅛ | 31 |
| NL Industries | 15⅛ | 17⅞ |
| Nabisco | 39⅛ | 39 |
| Nat Distillers | 24½ | 24⅞ |
| Nat Steel | 49 | 49⅛ |
| Norfolk West. | 73½ | 73⅞ |
| NW Bancorp | 45⅞ | 45⅛ |
| Norton Simon | 22½ | 21⅞ |
| *Occidental Pet* | 15⅞ | 16⅛ |
| Ogden | 19⅛ | 16⅞ |
| Olin Corp | 44⅛ | 44½ |
| Otis Elevator | 39⅛ | 39⅛ |
| Owens-Illinois | 60 | 55 |
| Pacific Gas Elec | 20⅝ | 20½ |
| Pan Am | 7½ | 7⅛ |
| Penn Central | 2⅛ | 2⅛ |
| Penney J. C. | 51⅛ | 51 |
| Pennzoil | 27⅞ | 26⅛ |
| Pepsico | 72⅞ | 72 |
| Pet Inc | 25 | 25⅛ |
| Pfizer | 27⅞ | 28⅞ |
| Phelps Dodge | 41½ | 40⅛ |
| Philip Morris | 57 | 55½ |
| Phillips Petrol | 54⅞ | 55⅛ |
| Polaroid | 40⅛ | 40⅛ |
| PPG Ind | 45½ | 47⅛ |
| Proctor Gamble | 85½ | 87⅛ |
| Pub Ser El & Gas | 19⅞ | 19⅛ |
| Pullman | 38 | 36⅛ |
| Rapid American | 7⅛ | 7⅛ |
| Raytheon | 51⅛ | 51⅞ |

| | Feb 20 | Feb 19 |
|---|---|---|
| RCA Corp | 28⅛ | 28⅞ |
| Republic Steel | 39⅛ | 39 |
| Reynolds Ind | 68 | 67½ |
| Reynolds Metal | 38⅞ | 37⅞ |
| Rockwell Int | 29⅛ | 28⅞ |
| Royal Dutch | 44⅞ | 44⅞ |
| Safeways | 48⅛ | 48 |
| St Regis Paper | 49½ | 46⅛ |
| Santa Fe Ind | 36½ | 36⅞ |
| SCM | 17½ | 17⅛ |
| Schlumberger | 79 | 75⅛ |
| Scott Paper | 21⅞ | 21⅛ |
| Seaboard Coast | 27 | 28⅞ |
| Seagram | 30⅛ | 30⅞ |
| Sears Roebuck | 70⅛ | 69⅞ |
| Shell Oil | 50⅛ | 49½ |
| Shell Trans | 30½ | 30⅞ |
| *Signal Co* | 17⅞ | 17⅞ |
| Singer | 18⅛ | 19½ |
| Sony | 8⅛ | 8⅛ |
| Sth Cal Edison | 21½ | 21⅛ |
| Southern Pacific | 34⅞ | 34⅞ |
| Southern Rly | 57⅞ | 59⅛ |
| Sperry Rand | 48 | 46⅞ |
| Squibb | 33⅛ | 35⅛ |
| Std Brands | 35⅞ | 34⅞ |
| Std Oil Califnia | 30½ | 31 |
| Std Oil Indiana | 43⅞ | 43⅞ |
| Std Oil Ohio | 65⅛ | 64⅛ |
| Sterling Drug | 18⅛ | 18⅛ |
| Stevens J. P. | 24½ | 24⅛ |
| Stude Worth | 48⅛ | 47 |
| Sunbeam Corp | 27⅛ | 27⅞ |
| Sundstrand | 24⅛ | 24½ |
| Sun Oil | 29⅞ | 29½ |
| Teledyne | 39⅛ | 39⅞ |
| Tenneco | 28⅛ | 28⅞ |
| Texaco | 25½ | 25⅞ |
| Texas East Trans | 32⅛ | 32 |
| Texas Inst | 123⅞ | 121⅞ |
| Texas Utilities | 20⅛ | 19⅞ |
| Textron | 26⅞ | 26¼ |
| TWA | 12 | 11⅞ |
| Travelers Corp | 29⅞ | 29 |
| TRW Inc | 33⅞ | 33 |
| UAL Inc | 29½ | 29 |
| *Unilever Ltd* | 34⅞ | 35⅞ |
| Unilever NV | 47⅞ | 47⅞ |
| Unionamerica | 2 | 1⅞ |
| Union Bancorp | 10 | 9⅞ |
| Union Carbide | 76⅞ | 76⅛ |
| Union Oil Calif | 43⅞ | 43⅞ |
| Un Pacific Corp | 76⅞ | 77 |
| Uniroyal | 8⅞ | 9⅞ |
| United Brands | 8⅛ | 9⅛ |
| Utd Merch & Man | 17½ | 17⅞ |
| US Industries | 5½ | 5½ |
| US Steel | 51⅛ | 82⅞ |
| Utd Technol | 56⅛ | 54⅛ |
| Wachovia | 23⅛ | 23⅞ |
| Warner Comm | 22⅞ | 21⅞ |
| Warner Lambert | 36⅛ | 34⅞ |
| Wells Fargo | 19⅛ | 19⅞ |
| West'n Bancorp | 20⅛ | 20⅛ |
| Westnghse Elec | 15⅞ | 15⅞ |
| Weyerhaeuser | 43⅛ | 43⅞ |
| Whirlpool | 31⅛ | 29⅞ |
| White Motor | 7⅛ | 7⅞ |
| Woolworth | 24½ | 24⅞ |
| Xerox Corp | 65½ | 65⅞ |
| Zenith | 37½ | 36⅛ |

**Canadian Prices**

| | Feb 20 | Feb 19 |
|---|---|---|
| Abitibi | 17⅛ | 12⅞ |
| Alcan Alumin | 26½ | 25 |
| Algoma Steel | 28 | 27⅞ |
| Bell Telephone | 46⅛ | 47⅛ |
| Cominco | 37⅛ | 35 |
| Cons Bathurst | 34⅛ | 33 |
| Falconbridge | 33½ | 32⅛ |
| *Gulf Oil* | 31½ | 30⅛ |
| Hawker/Sid Can | 8.50 | 8.38 |
| Hudson Bay Min | 17⅛ | 17½ |
| Hudson Bay Oil | 40 | 39⅞ |
| Imasco | 27⅛ | 27 |
| Imperial Oil | 24⅞ | 23½ |
| Int Pipe | 13⅞ | 13⅞ |
| Mass-Fergsn | 29 | 29⅛ |
| Royal Trust | 34½ | 24⅛ |
| Seagram | 30½ | 30⅛ |
| Slater Walker | 7⅛ | 6⅛ |
| Steel Co | 30⅞ | 30⅞ |
| Walker Hiram | 33⅞ | 32 |
| WCT | 25 | 23⅞ |

• Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.0245 ($2.0249); three months, $2.0058 ($2.0056); Canadian dollar, 100.9c (100.71c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index fell 0.95 to 309.70. The futures index was 0.63 down at 304.49.

The Dow Jones Averages.—Industrials, 987.80 (975.76); transportation, 205.[illegible] (203.64); utilities, 8[illegible] ([illegible].34); 65 stocks, 302.29 (290.5[illegible]). New York Stock Exchange index: 54.61 (54.26); industrials, 60.75 (60.34); transportation, [illegible] (39.65); utilities, 36.71 (36.55); financial, 52.90 (52.50).

### Gold closes firm

New York, Feb 20.—Gold futures closed firm in moderately active trading. The New York Comex ended the session $1.00 to $1.40 higher as the February contract gained $1.30 at $131.60, while the Chicago IMM added $1.00 to $1.80. Comex volume was estimated at 2,560 contracts. NY COMEX: Feb. $131.60; March, $131.60; April, $131.60; June, $133.30; Aug. $133.40; Oct. $134.70; Dec. $136.00; Feb. $137.30; April, $138.70; June, $140.10. CHICAGO IMM: March, $131.50-131.60; June, $132.60-132.40; Sept. $134.30 bid; Dec. $136.20; March, $137.70 bid.

SILVER: Futures closed little changed, after trading over a narrow five-cent range. Final prices were 0.10 to 0.30 cent down on the day, with volume at an estimated 9,782 contracts. Feb. 418.20c; March, 418.50c; April, 421.00c; May, 423.70c; July, 429.40c; Sept. 435.50c; Dec. 444.60c; Jan. 447.70c; March, 453.80c; May, 460.00c. Handy and Harman, 417.50c (previous 418.50c). Handy and Harman of Canada Can$4.145 (previously $4.101).

COPPER: Closed firm on estimated sales of 4,315. Feb. 58.40c; March, 58.40c; April, 58.80c; May, 59.30c; July, 60.20c; Sept. 61.10c; Dec. 62.30c; Jan. 62.70c; March, 63.60c.

SUGAR: March, 13.46-45c; May, 13.53-50c; July, 13.50-55c; Sept. 13.58-53c; Oct. 13.80c; Jan. 13.85c nominal; March, 13.50-65c; May, 13.51-52c; July, 13.49-50c. Spot: 13.45c unchanged.

COCOA: Slightly off the lows, at losses of 0.65 to 5.05 cents on the day. Sales were estimated at 1,138 contracts. March, 70.10c; May, 66.70c; July, 64.20c; Sept. 61.95c; Dec. 59.20c; March, 57.70c; May, 56.85c. Spots: Ghana, 76½c; Bahia, 71½c.

COFFEE: Futures remained depressed throughout, to close 3.00 to 1.84 cents down. Volume was estimated at 791 contracts. March, 99.14c; May, 98.75c; July, 98.75c; Sept. 98.69-98.70c; Dec. 98.20c.

COTTON: Closed steady on volume estimated at 4,260. March, 61.15c; May, 62.10-05c; July, 62.70c; Oct. 61.00c; Dec. 59.15-20c; March, 59.85-90c; May, 60.10-30c; July, 60.50-60c.

WOOL: Futures closed 0.10 cent lower on five sales and crossbred 0.03 cent higher to 0.10 cent lower on three sales. GREASE WOOL: Spot, 163.0c nominal. March, 165.0-168.0c; May, 162.0-166.0c; July, 160.0-165.0c; Oct. 159.0-164.0c; Dec. 159.0-164.0c; March, 159.0-168.0c. CROSSBRED: Spot 97.0c nominal. March, 97.0-100.0c; May, 96.0-98.0c; July, 96.0-98.0c; Oct. 95.0-98c; Dec. 95.0-98.0c; March, 95.0-103.0c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Product futures were affected by declines in wheat futures to post losses by mid-session. SOYABEANS.—March, 492½-1½c; May, 490-89½c; July, 493½-97c; Aug. 501c; Sept. 505½-06c; Nov. 510-10½c; Jan. 517c; March, 524c; May, 530c. SOYABEAN MEAL (New).—March, $138.00; May, $139.10-138.70; July, $140.50-140.30; Aug. $141.50-142.00; Sept. $143.00; Oct. $143.60-145.00; Dec. $146.60-147.00; Jan. $148.00-149.30. SOYABEAN MEAL.—March, $140.20-140.00. SOYABEAN OIL.—March, 16.85-90c; May, 16.55-60c; July, 16.70-75c; Aug. 16.80c; Sept. 16.85-90c; Oct. 16.85-95c; Dec. 17.05c; Jan. 17.10-15c; March, 17.15-25c; May, 17.20-30c.

CHICAGO GRAINS. Wheat showed losses of six to eight cents a bushel around midday after additional selling was prompted by heavy snow warnings for Kansas. Maize futures weakened under the influence of profit-taking in wheat to show losses of about half a cent at mid-session. WHEAT: March, 377-76c; May, [illegible]; July, 387-88c; Sept. [illegible]; Dec. 405c; March, 415c. MAIZE: March, [illegible]; May, [illegible]; July, [illegible]; Sept. [illegible]; Dec. [illegible]; March, [illegible]; May, 281½c nominal. OATS: March, 161c; May, 158½c; July, 15[illegible]c; Sept. 152c; Dec. 151c.

## Briefly

**ECSC LOAN**

*Paris.*—The European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) is offering $50m (Canadian) over 7 years on the international market, lead underwriting manager, Morgan Stanley International, said. Morgan Stanley said the indicated coupon is 9 per cent.—AP-Dow Jones.

**MORGAN GUARANTY**

New York.—Morgan Guaranty Trust's "problem" loans rose to $400m at end 1975 from $101m at end-1974, its parent, J. P. Morgan and Co, said. It said (in a prospectus for its forthcoming equity and debt offering) of that total $207m were loans where part had been charged-off as losses or principal repayments were more than 30 days in default.—Reuter.

**MITCHELL SOMERS**

Agency says its story yesterday on rights issue was incorrect. Terms are one-for-four and not one-for-ten as taped.

**GILLETTE**

Preliminary earnings for 1975, $2.69 a share ($2.95) on sales of $1,407m ($1,246m). Total pre-tax profit was $148m—2 per cent down on 1974.—Reuter.

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**MICHELIN**

*Offering by company is* to be increased from $60m to $75m following heavy demand. Coupon of 9.50 per cent will probably be cut to 9.25 per cent.

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Turnover for half year to September 30, £14.4m (£11.5m). Profit is £254,000 (£206,000). Interim up from 1.49p to 1.54p.

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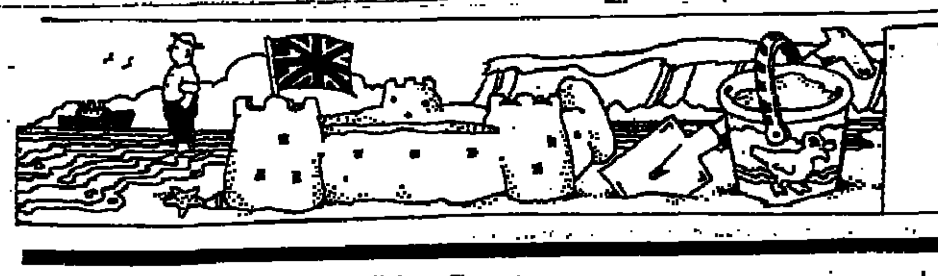
**LYON & LYON**

Dr Colin Barry Phipps, a Labour MP, and associates, have bought an additional 27,500 ordinary shares in Lyon and Lyon, bringing total holding to 558,000 (17.44 per cent).



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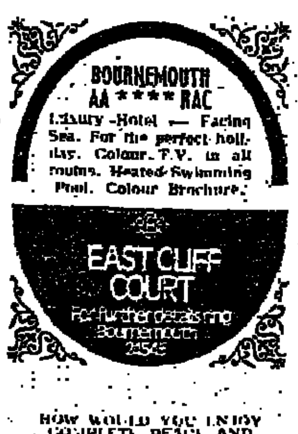

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| 88 | 60 | Fisher J. | 80 | .. | 3.6 | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| 250 | 111 | Furness Withy | 214 | +1 | 9.8 | 4.6 | 4.9 |
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| 66 | 17 | Ldn & O'seas Fr | 35¾ | +½ | 5.0 | 14.7 | 1.2 |
| 270 | 152 | Mnch Liners | 270 | .. | 7.7 | 2.9 | 7.4 |
| 149½ | 62 | Ocean Trans | 127½ | .. | 10.3n | 8.0 | 13.7 |
| 127 | 60 | P & O 'Dfd' | 98 | +1 | 7.5 | 7.6 | .. |
| 134 | 69½ | Runciman W | 124 | .. | 10.4 | 8.4 | 5.5 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| 513 | 300 | Anglo Am Corp | 305 | -5 | 16.6 | 5.4 | .. |
| 45½ | 24½ | Ang Am Gold | £24¾ | -¼ | 148 | 6.0 | .. |
| 34 | 16¾ | Anglo Am Inv | £23¾ | +½ | 193 | 7.5 | .. |
| 18½ | 8½ | Anglo Transvl | £11 | .. | 57.1 | 5.2 | .. |
| 16½ | 8½ | Do A | £11 | .. | 57.1 | 5.2 | .. |
| 184 | 77 | Ayer Hitam | 184 | .. | 20.0 | 10.9 | .. |
| 36 | 11 | Beralt Tin | 21 | .. | 2.7 | 12.8 | .. |
| 112 | 48 | Bishopsgate Pl | 84 | -1 | 3.4 | 4.0 | .. |
| 10½ | 5¾ | Blyvoors | £8¾ | -¼ | 81.2 | 9.5 | .. |
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| 435 | 145 | Elsburg Gold | 148 | .. | 19.2 | .. | .. |
| 18 | 13 | Ex-Lands | 14 | .. | 2.3 | 16.5 | .. |
| 23¾ | 16¾ | F S Geduld | £19¾ | +¼ | 219 | 11.1 | .. |
| 435 | 230 | Geduld Inv | 260 | .. | 22.7 | 8.7 | .. |
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| 380 | 85 | Grootvlei | 98 | +3 | 11.4 | 11.6 | .. |
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| 37¼ | 4½ | Libanon | £4¾ | .. | 50.0 | 10.5 | .. |
| 196 | 106 | Ldn Tin | 153 | .. | 10.8 | 7.0 | .. |
| 162 | 80 | Lydenburg Plat | 85 | -1 | 1.6 | 1.9 | .. |
| 244 | 137 | MIM Hldgs | 212 | -2 | 3.1 | 1.5 | .. |
| 100 | 66 | MTD (Mangula) | 80 | -5 | 14.9 | 18.5 | .. |
| 220 | 95 | Malayan Tin | 162 | .. | 16.5 | 9.1 | .. |
| 550 | 130 | Marievale Con | 140 | -5 | 23.9 | 17.1 | .. |
| 390 | 198 | Messina Trans | 220 | +15 | 19.7 | 7.9 | .. |
| 67 | 32 | Metals Explor | 48 | +1 | .. | .. | .. |
| 550 | 250 | Middle Wits | 270 | .. | 16.0 | 5.9 | .. |
| 315 | 185 | Minorco | 185 | -5 | .. | .. | .. |

## OIL

## PROPERTY

## RUBBER

| 1975/76 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 48½ | 25 | Anglo-Indonesia | 48 | .. | 3.9 | 8.0 | .. |
| 68 | 45 | Bradwall FMS | 66½ | .. | 3.1 | 4.6 | .. |
| 91 | 57 | Castlefield | 89 | .. | 3.5b | 3.9 | .. |
| 31½ | 17 | Chersonese | 26 | .. | 1.6 | 6.1 | .. |
| 67½ | 39½ | Cons Plant | 61 | +½ | 5.0 | 8.3 | .. |
| 10 | 8½ | Doranakande | 10 | .. | 1.4 | 13.6 | .. |
| 73 | 47 | Gadek | 62 | .. | 2.3 | 4.5 | .. |
| 58 | 29½ | Golden Hope | 54 | .. | 3.0 | 5.6 | .. |
| 6½ | 3½ | Grand Central | 6¼ | .. | 0.8 | 12.0 | .. |
| 237½ | 106½ | Guthrie Corp | 179 | .. | 10.2 | 5.7 | .. |
| 57½ | 33 | Highlds & Low | 45½ | .. | 0.9 | 2.0 | .. |
| 55 | 45 | Hongkong | 51 | .. | 2.0 | 4.0 | .. |
| 110 | 85 | Killinghall | 100 | .. | 9.0 | 9.0 | .. |
| 34 | 17½ | Kulim Malaysia | 31½ | -½ | 2.1 | 6.6 | .. |
| 57½ | 29½ | Ldn Asiatic | 47½ | .. | 3.3 | 6.9 | .. |
| 33½ | 20½ | Ldn Sumatra | 32 | .. | 1.7 | 5.3 | .. |
| 27½ | 16¼ | Majedie | 22 | .. | 0.8 | 3.6 | .. |
| 8 | 5½ | Malayalam | 6 | .. | 0.5 | 9.0 | .. |
| 58 | 39 | Muar River | 50 | .. | 2.2 | 4.3 | .. |
| 55 | 28½ | Pataling | 47½ | .. | 3.3 | 6.9 | .. |
| 42 | 27 | Plant Hldgs | 34 | +½ | 2.5 | 7.4 | .. |
| 13 | 7 | Sungei Krian | £10 | .. | 46.5 | 4.7 | .. |

## TEA

| 1975/76 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 106 | 58 | Assam Frontier | 106 | .. | 11.0 | 10.4 | .. |
| 48 | 34 | Assam Inv | 48 | .. | 4.6 | 9.6 | .. |
| 76 | 30 | Camellia Inv | 76 | .. | 2.2 | 2.9 | .. |
| 56 | 24 | Clairmace | 39 | -1 | 9.2 | 23.7 | .. |
| 23 | 14 | Deundi | 21 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 130 | 130 | Doolahat | 130 | f .. | 5.0 | 3.8 | .. |
| 126 | 90 | Jokai | 119 | .. | 11.0 | 9.2 | .. |
| 150 | 48 | McLeod Russel | 127 | -3 | 9.9b | 7.6 | .. |
| 103 | 84 | Moran | 103 | .. | 8.8t | 8.6 | .. |
| 40 | 23 | Ouvah Highlds | 40 | .. | 2.4 | 6.1 | .. |
| 38 | 18½ | Peacock Sasini | 38 | +1 | 4.3 | 11.1 | .. |
| 35 | 18 | Sthn India | 23 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 19 | 14 | Surmah Valley | 19 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 84 | 58 | Warren Tea | 78 | .. | 9.9 | 12.7 | .. |
| 75 | 60 | Williamson Hldgs | 74 | .. | 6.9 | 9.4 | .. |

## MISCELLANEOUS

| 1975/76 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12⅞ | 6⅝ | Algoma Cen Rly | £10¼ | +¼ | 28.0 | 2.4 | 17.8 |
| 14 | 5 | Antofagasta | £11 | .. | .. | .. | 6.9 |
| 27 | 12 | Calcutta Elec | 27 | .. | 9.0 | 33.3 | .. |
| 50 | 34 | E Surrey W 7% | £46½ | .. | 700 | 15.1 | .. |
| 35½ | 26 | Essex Wtr 5% | £33½ | .. | 500 | 14.9 | .. |
| 150 | 46 | Felixstowe Dock | 165 | h +10 | 10.0e | 6.5 | 16.0 |
| 395 | 140 | Imp Cont Gas | 320 | .. | 12.3b | 3.8 | 20.8 |
| 35½ | 25 | Mid Kent Wtr | £34 | .. | 500 | 14.7 | .. |
| 80 | 36 | Milford Docks | 48 | .. | .. | .. | 9.1 |
| 168 | 65 | Nigerian Elec | 156 | .. | 15.0b | 9.6 | .. |
| 417 | 267 | Perak Rvr Hydro | 345 | .. | 26.9 | 7.8 | 17.5 |
| 36 | 26½ | Sunderlnd Wtr | £35 | -½ | 500 | 14.3 | .. |

* Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. c Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

## THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

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| | Index No. Latest | Div. Yield % | Earnings Yield % | Index No. Previous |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| The Times Industrial Share Index | 162.22 | 5.88 | 10.40 | 164.41 |
| Largest Coys. | 162.34 | 5.81 | 10.71 | 164.82 |
| Smaller Coys. | 161.86 | 6.56 | 9.40 | 164.03 |
| Capital Goods | 166.15 | 6.52 | 10.30 | 169.69 |
| Consumer Goods | 183.48 | 6.14 | 10.75 | 185.66 |
| Store Shares | 134.76 | 6.06 | 6.84 | 136.40 |
| Largest financial shares | 189.42 | 5.46 | — | 192.83 |
| Largest financial and industrial shares | 167.50 | 5.74 | — | 169.91 |
| Commodityshares | 216.09 | 4.65 | 10.19 | 217.30 |
| Gold Mining shares | 319.93 | 8.15 | 12.87 | 379.03 |
| Industrial debenture stocks | 82.88 | 7.30* | — | 82.89 |
| Industrial preferencestocks | 55.12 | 12.92* | — | 55.26 |
| 3½% War Loan | 28½ | 13.50* | — | 29¼ |

* A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

| | High | Low |
|---|---|---|
| All-time | 198.47 (15.08.72) | 60.16 (12.12.74) |
| 1976 | 171.30 (30.01.76) | 159.37 (05.01.76) |
| 1975 | 156.92 (19.11.75) | 61.12 (06.01.75) |
| 1974 | 136.19 (27.02.74) | 60.16 (12.12.74) |
| 1973 | 199.23 (12.01.73) | 130.93 (14.12.73) |
| 1972 | 198.47 (15.08.72) | 144.45 (10.01.72) |
| 1971 | 174.74 (31.12.71) | 123.25 (02.03.71) |

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## BIRTHS

BARRY.—On 19th February, 1976, at Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, to Patricia (nee Sharp) and Dr Chris Barry—a son (Aidon Peter), a brother for Richard.

BELOFF.—On February 17th, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Judith (nee Arkinstall) and Michael—a daughter (Rachel Natasha), sister for Rupert.

BROCKLEHURST.—On Feb. 19th, at Cuckfield Hospital, to Sheila (nee Goddard) and Roger—a son (Alexander).

CHAPMAN.—On February 18th, to Jean (nee Low) and Neil Chapman—a daughter.

CLARK.—On February 19th at Melbourne, Australia, to Mary and Antony—a daughter.

CRACROFT.—On January 17th, to Suzanne and Timothy Cracroft, Wild Oaks, Hartfield, Sussex—a son, brother to Clementina.

HAERI.—On February 18th, at Paris to Rosalind (nee Bridgens) and Tony—a daughter (Alexandra), sister to Philippa, Sarah and Amanda.

HUGHES.—On Friday, 20th February, 1976, to Anne (nee Roland) and Roger—a son (Alan Richard).

KERRIGAN.—On February 14th, to Angela (nee Cobb) and Gervase Kerrigan—a son (Thomas Edward Anthony).

LEATHES. — On February 19th, 1976, at Portwey Hospital, Weymouth, to Nicole and Rupert—a daughter.

MACKENZIE WILSON.—On 19th February, to Karen and Howard—a son.

REDDIN.—On February 20th, 1976, at the Victoria Public Hospital, Fredericton N.B., Canada, to Bill and Kathy (nee Tillous) Reddin — a sister for Michelle Anne (Kristen Mary, 7lb. 11oz.

REISS.—On February 19th, at St. Thomas' Hospital, to Zarina and Jeremy—a son.

SLOCOMBE.—On February 15th, to Sarah (nee Fraser) and Richard—a daughter (Daisy Sarah), sister for Tom.

STIBBS.—On 19th of February, to Susan (nee Boon) and Andrew—a daughter, Nicola Joanne, a sister for Jonathan.

STOREY. — On February 19th, at Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, to Susan (nee McCaskie) and Brian Storey—a son. [illegible] (nee Eadie) and Giles—a son (Robert).

THOMAS-FERRAND.—On February 18th, at Queen Charlotte's, London, W.6, to Anne (nee d'Anyers Willis) and John Thomas-Ferrand—a son.

WOOD.—On February 18th, at Derby City Hospital, to Carol (nee Jeffery), wife of James Wood—a son (Jonathan James).

## BIRTHDAYS

KEITH DAVIS IS 21 TODAY, which will be an eventful day all will remember.

NICHOLAS HAPPY BIRTHDAY. My love for now and always (CJB).

## DEATHS

BISHOP.—On February 18th, in Canada, aged 85, Katie, wife of P. Ross-Bishop, sister of J. C. Neville, Trinity College, Port Hope.

BISHOP.—On Wednesday, 18th February, at 189 New Haw Road, Addlestone, Weybridge, Stanley Frank Bishop ("Bish"). He is closely mourned by his wife Marjorie and daughter Linda, at whose home he died peacefully after illness. Cremation will be at Woking Crematorium at 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 25th.

BOATMAN.—On 19th February, Margaret, aged 58, wife of Jack, mother of Margaret, Ann and Rosemary. Late of 37 Jennings Road, St. Albans. The funeral service will be held at West Herts Crematorium on Tuesday, 2nd March, at 12.00. All enquiries and flowers to Co-operative Funeral Services, 109 Hatfield Road, St. Albans.

BOSWELL.—On February 17th in Sydney, Australia, Robert William (Bill) Boswell, O.B.E. Much loved husband of Mavis and father of Diana and Roderick, of 59 Dominion Circuit, Forrest, Canberra; formerly Australian Deputy High Commissioner in London.

BROWNING. James M. (Jim).—On 18th February, 1976, at Bristol Royal Infirmary, aged 29, husband of Sue, Keynsham, Bristol, and only son of Rev. Michael C. Browning, St. Breward, Bodmin, Cornwall, active member Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club and Bristol Motor Cycle Club. Funeral service Tuesday, 24th Feb., Parish Church of St. John, Keynsham, 3.15 p.m., and afterwards at Haycombe Crematorium. Friends and relatives welcome at the church and afterwards at the house. No flowers, by his request. Donations, please, to the Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

BUCHANAN.—On February 19th, 1976, suddenly, at his home, Sir John Cecil Rankin Buchanan, K.C.M.G., M.D., F.R.C.P., aged 79, of Sevenoaks, Kent. Most dearly loved husband of Eileen. Funeral service at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Seal, Wednesday, February 25th, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation. Enquiries: W. Hodges & Co., Sevenoaks 54457.

COLLINSWOOD. — On February 16th, 1976, in a nursing home, Harold Thomas, aged 81 years, of 21 Saffrons Court, Eastbourne. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday, 26th February, at 1.30 p.m.

CROW.—On February 20th, at Midhurst, Doris, beloved wife of Geoffrey (Jim) Crow. Cremation private. No flowers or letters.

DENNLER.—On February 19th, 1976, Joan (nee Supple), of Willow Close, East Budleigh, Devon, wife of the late Rodney Dennler and much loved mother of Michael and Guy. Funeral service at All Saints Church, East Budleigh, on Wednesday, February 25th, at 2.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. Flowers to Funeral Director, 45-47 High St., Budleigh Salterton. Telephone 2252/3/4.

FRASER.—On 19th February, 1976, peacefully, in Glasgow, Mary MacLaren, of Lorne Cottage, Iona, Argyll, loving mother of Robin and Fiona and sister of Isla Watson.

GIBB.—On February 19th, peacefully, after a short illness, Janie Glumour, wife of the late Dr James Gibb, of Downham Market, Norfolk, in her 86th year.

GINGELL.—On February 19th, 1976, peacefully at Dulwich Hospital, Gill, beloved wife of John and mother of Stephen, beloved daughter of Lady Lockwood and the late Sir John Lockwood. Funeral at High Street Methodist Church, Harpenden, 2.30 p.m. Thursday, 26th February, followed by committal at Luton Crematorium. Flowers to L. C. Weston, 96a Luton Rd., Harpenden or donations to Renal Unit, Dulwich Hospital, London.

HARE, JUDITH HELEN, on Wednesday Feb. 18th, peacefully in hospital. Cremation service Golders Green crematorium, Tuesday, 24th, at 1.50. A Memorial Service at St. Martin's to be arranged later. No flowers, by request.

HEYWOOD-JONES.—On February 19th, 1976, Mrs Bella Heywood-Jones, formerly of Denyfan, Brecon. Funeral 2 p.m. Wednesday, 25th February at St. David's Church, Llanvaes, Brecon.

JACKSON.—On 20th February, 1976, in London, after a short illness, Basil Hippisley Jackson, M.C., of Warmington Manor, Banbury, younger son of the late Sir Thomas Graham Jackson, Bart., and beloved husband of Helen. Funeral private.

MANSON.—On February 18th, 1976, in hospital, Violet Helen Manson. Funeral service on Wednesday, February 25th, at 11.45 a.m., in St. John's Home Chapel, St. Mary's Road, Oxford.

NEWMAN.—On 20th February, 1976, Dr. George Newman passed away at the Edgware General Hospital, deeply mourned by his wife, daughter, son, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends.

ODDY.—On February 15th, 1976, in London, peacefully, Joy, much loved wife of Noel, mother of Julie, Vanessa, Jason and Virginia and only daughter of Leslie and Joan Coulos. Funeral at Thorpe Morieux, Suffolk, on Thursday, February 19th, 2.30 p.m. Flowers to W. A. Deacon, High St., Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk or donations to Cancer Research Campaign, 2, Carlton House Terrace, S.W.1. "A vivid creative genius inspired by her passionate love of all nature's beauty."

PEACOCK.—On 19th February, 1976, Marjorie Elizabeth, at Barton Cottage, Maulden, Bedford, sister of Elsie, of London, Dorothy and Sidney Cooper, of Canada, aunt of Alan and Tony and friend of Janet Miller, of the same address. Funeral service on Monday, 23rd February, 2.30 p.m., at Maulden, at Bedford.

PRYNNE.—On February 18th Doris Elizabeth (Liza), of Coastguard Cottages, Kingsdown, beloved wife of Brig. H. G. L. Prynne. Funeral service at St. John's Church, Kingsdown, on Tuesday, February 24, at 1 p.m. followed by burial. Flowers to E. B. Cavell, 25 Albert Rd., Deal.

RIDDLE.—On February 19th, 1976, Christine Riddle (nee Simons-Brown), aged 93 years. Dearly loved mother of Huseph and Jack. Requiem Mass in the Servite Church, Fulham Rd., on Thursday, 26th of February, at 10 a.m., followed by interment at Gunnersbury Cemetery at 11.15. All flowers and inquiries to E. B. Ashton, 96 Fulham Rd., London, S.W.3.—01-584 0079.

SKEENS.—On 18th February, 1976, peacefully, at Croydon, in his 91st year, Frederick Henry John, beloved father and grandfather. Funeral Wednesday, 25th February, 12 noon. Wandsworth Cemetery, Magdalen Road. Flowers to Evershed Bros., 130 Wandsworth High Street, S.W.18.

TETTIT.—On 19th February, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Gwyneth Dorothy, dear wife of Cecil Tettit. Cremation private. No flowers by request.

WILLIAMS.—On 20th February, suddenly, Thomas Edwin, in his 68th year. Good friend and gardener, after 28 years at Remnantz, Marlow.

WILLMOTT.—On February 18th, 1976, at Hampton, Alexander Dennis, aged 85, beloved husband of Pauline and father of Susan and Penny. Funeral at Ogden Chapel, Hanworth, Wednesday, February 25th, at 9.45 a.m.

WOOTTON.—On February 19th, at a nursing home, Elizabeth Alwen, aged 84, beloved mother of Patrick and Brian. Funeral service Cuckfield Church, at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, 24th February, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to Help The Aged, 8 Denman St., London W1A 2AP.

WRIGHT.—Peacefully on February 17th at Mount Pleasant Nursing Home, Clevedon, Stephen Graham, aged 72, late of Ethiopia, dear brother-in-law of Michal and Carl Fanghanel. Cremation at Canford, Bristol, 24th February, 1976.

YEATMAN.—On February 18th, suddenly at Cosgrove Lodge, Langham, Colchester, Malcolm Bardsley. Funeral at Langham Church, on the 25th February at 3 p.m. No flowers. Details of a Memorial Service to be held in London, will be announced later.

## IN MEMORIAM

FRYER. Brigadier R. W. H., D.S.O., M.C., 5th Fusiliers. In ever loving memory of Reggie, my husband.—Mabs.

GALLOWAY.—In ever loving memory of Philippa, Countess of Galloway, wife of Ronald, 12th Earl of Galloway, who entered into her rest on February 22nd, 1974.

GRABHAM.—In very loving memory of Agnes, beloved wife of the late Charles Grabham, and mother of Violet, of Barracks, Cranbrook, Kent, who died February 21st, 1946.—R.I.P.

LEWIS, SIR ALFRED EDWARD, K.B.E., who died Feb 21, 1940.

LODGE.—Remembering Catherine Lodge, our dear mother, who died 10 years ago today. Irene (Bunty), Kathleen and John.

MEYER.—In loving memory of Arabella Crosbie Meyer (nee Ward), born February 22nd, 1876. Mother of Denny, Jack, Constance and Derek.—Te Deum Laudamus.

PALMER. WILLIAM ROBERT, D.S.O., T.D., Colonel, D.L.O.Y. In proud and loving memory.

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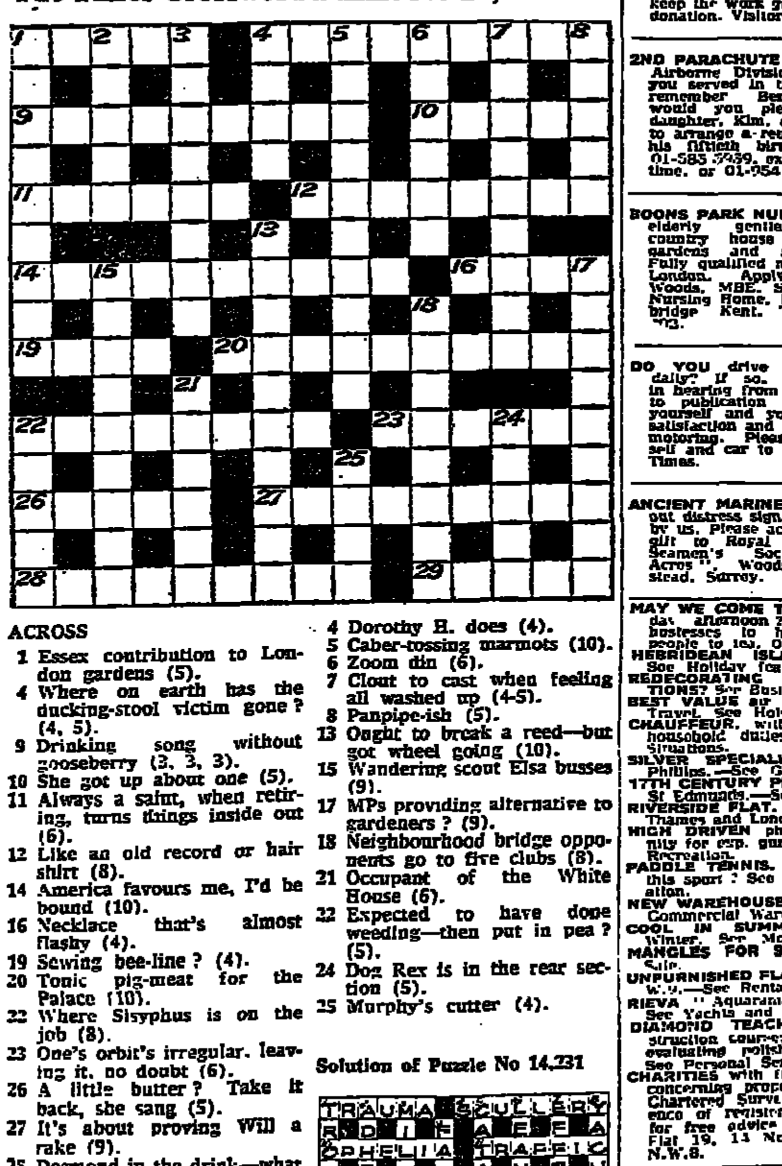

ACROSS
1 Essex contribution to London gardens (5).
4 Where on earth has the ducking-stool victim gone? (4, 5).
9 Drinking song without gooseberry (3, 3, 3).
10 She got up about one (5).
11 Always a saint, when retiring, turns things inside out (6).
12 Like an old record or hair shirt (8).
14 America favours me, I'd be bound (10).
16 Necklace that's almost flashy (4).
19 Sewing bee-line? (4).
20 Tonic pig-meat for the Palace (10).
22 Where Sisyphus is on the job (8).
23 One's orbit's irregular, leaving it, no doubt (6).
26 A little butter? Take it back, she sang (5).
27 It's about proving Will a rake (9).
28 Desmond in the drink—what he did in Slough? (9).
29 One the mariner dropped, by George (5).

DOWN
1 In a Dalmatian location? Exactly (2, 3, 4).
2 Carve a headstone here (5).
3 Part of Wendy's house? (4-4).
4 Dorothy H. does (4).
5 Caber-tossing marmots (10).
6 Zoom din (6).
7 Clout to cast when feeling all washed up (4-5).
8 Panpipe-ish (5).
13 Ought to break a reed—but got wheel going (10).
15 Wandering scout Elsa busses (9).
17 MPs providing alternative to gardeners? (9).
18 Neighbourhood bridge opponents go to five clubs (8).
21 Occupant of the White House (6).
22 Expected to have done weeding—then put in pea? (5).
24 Dog Rex is in the rear section (5).
25 Murphy's cutter (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,231

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No. 003685 of 1975

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And notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Brightman at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Monday the 1st day of March 1976. Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

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HOME NEWS

# Proposals for Civil Service cuts seem likely to bring unions into conflict with Government

By Peter Hennessy

The first severe test of the Government's public expenditure strategy outlined in last week's White Paper is likely to come in May. The Cabinet will then be presented with detailed targets, department by department, for manpower cuts at the height of the conference season of the Civil Service unions.

The Whitehall programme for reducing the cost of central government is designed to pass through three phases. The number of civil servants will actually increase in the next few months, especially in demand-related ministries such as the departments of Employment and Health and Social Security, which will be required to absorb the effects of economic recession in the form of unemployment and social security benefits. But from April 1, establishment officers will attempt to enforce a freeze on numbers in all except these "front-line" departments and job-shedding will begin in earnest at the end of the year.

To meet the White Paper target of a £140m saving in Civil Service staff costs in the financial year 1978-79 the Cabinet will be required to approve detailed proposals in the late spring, which will almost certainly bring the Government into direct conflict with the Civil Service unions, which were second to none last week in the vehemence of their criticism of the public expenditure White Paper.

Lord Shepherd, Lord Privy Seal, who will present the economy package to the Cabinet, and Sir Douglas Allen, head of the home Civil Service, will have a tough fight on their hands in negotiations with the staff side of the National Whitley Council. The credibility of the Government's spending programme may depend on the success of their endeavours.

Lord Shepherd: presenting plans to Cabinet.

Sir Douglas Allen: reviewing departmental manning.

The total strength of the Civil Service, which has grown by more than 25,000 since last October to its present level of about 745,000, will probably have reached a figure approaching 760,000 by the end of the year. To achieve its White Paper target, the Government will have to reduce that figure to 730,000 or below by early 1978.

The scientific, professional and technical grades, whose specialist skills make it difficult for their members to be transferred to other forms of work, will be particularly severely affected, and the non-mobile clerical grades who, unlike their colleagues in the executive and administrative grades, are not obliged to accept postings to other parts of the country will also suffer.

The laying-off of casual staff, mainly concentrated in the departments of Employment and Health and Social Security, which account for about 5 per cent of the Civil Service wages and salary bill, will go some way towards meeting the Government's target, as will normal staff wastage. But, inevitably by early next year, a programme of redundancies will be under way which will be bitterly resisted by the unions.

Officials are now engaged upon an intensive review of departmental manning. The fruits of their labour will be coordinated by a team of four civil servants in the manpower division of the Civil Service Department. Sir Douglas Allen and a committee of permanent secretaries will be responsible for putting the final touches to a paper that will be presented to the Cabinet in two or three months' time.

The findings of the *Cost of Central Government Review*, completed by senior Civil Service Department officials in December, indicated that the more efficient use of existing manpower could, at best, reduce expenditure by £24m or about 1 per cent of the total. To achieve savings of the order of £140m, the study concluded, would require thoroughgoing reviews of policy commitments in several important departments. Ministers might be required to introduce legislation if, for example, the principle of "rougher justice" were adopted in deciding the allocation of welfare payments by officials in local social security offices.

A prime target for manpower savings will be the Board of Inland Revenue, particularly if, as expected, the Chancellor raises the level of tax thresholds in his April budget. Because inflation has drawn the lower-paid increasingly into taxation, the Inland Revenue has taken on an extra 7,000 staff since January 1 last year, bringing it to a total strength of 80,000. Other manpower-intensive departments that can expect close scrutiny are the Board of Customs and Excise, the Ministry of Defence, and the Department of Health and Social Security.

# Tory chief promises to repeal the land Act

By Our Political Staff

The next Conservative Government will repeal the Community Land Act and "draw the teeth" of the capital transfer tax, Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, promised at St Austell, Cornwall, on Saturday.

She described her pledges as "the down-payment on our plan to stop the slide to socialism". They were proof, if proof were needed, of the Conservatives' intention to put the future of the country in the hands of those who could best build it.

"Our future and our freedom is threatened, not safeguarded, by the over-mighty bureaucracy of the socialist state", she said. "Our future and our freedom must be entrusted to the people."

Socialism was on trial, socialist ministers were in the dock, and the voters would "find them guilty".

But the Tories must not win the next election "just by default, through the failures of socialism", Mrs Thatcher added. "We must, and shall, win on the merits of our Conservative philosophy.

"Ours is the policy which produces the resources to pay for the care of the needy. It has a new, yet old, appeal. It should have a universal appeal."

The Tory philosophy also had a message for trade unionists, because only in a free society could real trade unions exist and fully represent the interests of their members. But in particular, the Conservative approach appealed to "those in business who want to get the Government off their backs.

"The biggest charge against this Government is the damage it has done to prosperous enterprises, upon which our future depends. Inflation and taxation together have cut off the money needed for investment."

# English government reconstruction unlikely before the late 1980s

## Regional report

## Peter Scott

A new structure of regional government in England, parallel to the proposed Scottish and Welsh assemblies, is unlikely to be created before the late 1980s, although the Government will publish, as promised, a consultative Green Paper on English regionalism by the end of the month.

This document will merely set out the main arguments on both sides of the question and outline alternative schemes for regional government in England. The Government is not yet prepared to recommend the creation of regional administrations.

The devolution unit under Mr Short, Lord President of the Council, which produced last November's White Paper *Our Changing Democracy*, is also responsible for the imminent Green Paper on regions (in collaboration with the Department of the Environment).

Although the Green Paper will be more than a cosmetic operation to convince English voters that their needs are not being ignored in the rush to satisfy Scottish and Welsh aspirations, the timetable for the creation of regional government is quite different. A minister told a recent Labour Party regional conference that regions could not be created for 10 years and would require "a medium-term restructuring of local government".

The main argument for English regional government is that, in the words of the same minister, "we already have regions of a particularly messy kind". He pointed out there were at present 20 different regional systems, of which the Department of the Environment alone operated 11.

The second main argument is that the present two-tier system of local government, which preserved after reorganization the distinction between shire and metropolitan counties, cannot carry out many of its functions properly.

If the Government accepts the case in principle for regional authorities, the debate will then switch to the areas they should cover and the powers they should possess. To the first question there are three possible answers. If no effective powers were devolved from Whitehall to the regions and the present two-tier structure of local government was largely maintained, the most appropriate pattern would be a small number of large, loosely knit regions. Alternatively, regional government could be built on the basis of the eight existing economic planning regions.

The third solution would be to create 12 or more regional authorities, which would be more credible democratic units. That is favoured by some ministers but would require a radical reorganization of local government.

Whatever structure is adopted for regional government a big difficulty will arise in the South-east, which contains more than a third of the population of the United Kingdom. London with its severe urban difficulties would be swamped in a sea of suburban and shire counties. One solution the Government may suggest is a division of powers between a south-eastern regional authority and three sub-regions, north Thames, south Thames and Greater London.

There is less doubt about the powers likely to be granted to any regional authorities. They would not be granted any legislative powers, as is proposed for the Scottish, but not the Welsh, assembly. Nor would they be given significant independent powers in the economic field, at least by the present Government. A Labour Party discussion document published last September stated quite bluntly: "A socialist national industrial strategy might be destroyed on the rocks of Tory-controlled regional authorities."

Their most obvious responsibility would probably be in planning and transport, the functions for which present local authorities are most ill suited. Another likely candidate for the powers of any regional authorities is certain aspects of education.

However, the case for regional government is far from proved. In an attitudes survey commissioned by the Kilbrandon commission people in England were asked to say spontaneously what they would like to see to improve matters in their region, but only 3 per cent mentioned more self-determination for the people of their region.

Farther from London support for regional government is stronger, but more as a measure of self-defence than as a positive yearning for a new tier of government. Mr William Sefton, leader of Merseyside County Council and chairman of the North-West Economic Planning Council, has said that if devolution in Scotland and Wales goes ahead without proper financial safeguards to the English regions, they will be forced to demand the same degree of devolution.

Another local authority leader put it more bluntly: "Scotland and Wales already get a better deal, in NHS spending, for example, than the north of England. Edinburgh or Cardiff are better represented in Parliament than Bradford or Sheffield because the number of Scottish and Welsh MPs is fixed and the South of England has to be given more seats. We have to make it very clear to the Government that we are not prepared to tolerate further favouritism for Scotland and Wales under the cloak of devolution."

# Peers keep silent over hare coursing

By a Staff Reporter

A group of peers who spent five hours at a hare coursing meeting at Alderton, Northamptonshire, on Saturday refused to comment yesterday on their impressions of the sport.

They are all members of the House of Lords Select Committee on the Hare Coursing Bill. They are due to report to the House by May 6, and have agreed among themselves not to comment at this stage of their investigations. In the past few days they have attended whippet and greyhound hare coursing events.

Four of the committee's seven members attended the Alderton meeting: Lord Trevelyan, Lord Aylestone, Lord Collison and Lord Cranbrook. Sports, the meeting was stage-managed to prevent the visitors from seeing the full suffering that could be involved, but that allegation was described as "utter rubbish" by the organizers. The league said the whippets were released late, with the result that only three of the 19 hares were killed.

Lord Collison said yesterday that the visits had allowed members of the committee to see for themselves how hare coursing was organized. He had seen one killing, he said, "but I don't want to comment at this stage".

Under the Bill, anyone who takes part in coursing or allows his land to be used for it would be liable to a fine of up to £200, and up to £400 for a repeated offence.

# 'Sunday Times' loses copies

*The Sunday Times* lost almost 200,000 copies yesterday as a result of a demarcation dispute involving the National Graphical Association (NGA).

The dispute was referred by the NGA to the Trades Union Congress two weeks ago, the management said. Against the advice of the union, some NGA members in the machine room had refused to work two printing presses.

The presenters of BBC television's [illegible] programme, Anne Purves, Mr John Noakes and Miss Lesley Judd, selling garments at Petticoat Lane market, London, yesterday to help the disabled.

# London bombs 'revenge for Mr Stagg'

The Provisional IRA yesterday claimed responsibility for the two bomb explosions in London on Saturday. A telephone caller to the Manchester offices of the *Daily Mirror* said that the bombs were in retaliation for the "murder" of Mr Frank Stagg, the IRA hunger-striker, "by Mr Roy Jenkins". The caller gave a codeword.

The bombs were planted in Selfridge's store in Oxford Street and under a car parked in Kendal Street, near Marble Arch. Five people were treated for shock after the Selfridge's blast, but no one was seriously hurt in either explosion.

Mr Stagg died after a 62-day fast in Wakefield prison, where he was serving a 10-year sentence for conspiracy.

**Security inquiry plea:** Mr James Kilfedder, United Ulster Unionist coalition MP for Down, North, yesterday called for an inquiry into security on the Ulster border after Mrs Marjorie Lockington, wife of a Newry coal importer, was murdered near Killeen customs post on Saturday night (our Belfast Correspondent writes).

Mrs Lockington, her husband, Douglas, and their son and daughter-in-law were returning from the Irish Republic when a group of men, armed with rifles and sub-machine guns, opened fire after seizing a cattle lorry and setting it on fire, blocking the carriageway. A bullet struck Mrs Lockington in the back. She died in hospital four hours later.

After the shooting, the gunmen, believed to be between 16 and 20 in number, fled into the republic in several cars.

Two civilians and a policeman injured by a booby-trap bomb in Coalisland on Saturday, were seriously ill in hospital last night. The bomb had been packed into a "no parking" cone.

Two policemen were evacuating people from the town's main street at the time. One of them, suspecting that the cone concealed a bomb, left it. But a man, thinking that the police had forgotten the cone, carried it towards them. They shouted a warning, but the bomb dropped on the road and exploded.

Earlier an Army bomb disposal expert defused a 400lb "proxy" bomb outside Coalisland police station.

The third victim of a killer who slashes the throats of his victims was discovered yesterday in an alleyway in the Shankill district of Belfast. The victim was Mr Francis Rice, aged 23, of Cliftonville Road. He was an unmarried Roman Catholic.

**Dublin prison fight:** Eddie Gallagher, who faces trial in Dublin's Special Criminal Court today over the kidnapping of Dr Herrema, the Dutch industrialist, fought with warders in Portlaoise prison yesterday (the Press Association reports). Trouble started shortly before Gallagher was due to see Miss Marian Coyle, who is charged with him, for their first meeting since their arrest last November.

Other prisoners were also involved.

Nationalist threat leads to Scottish executive's conversion

# Labour seeking to go beyond White Paper's aims

From David Leigh
Edinburgh

The Labour Party in Scotland, once notorious for its refusal to lift its nose above mundane, municipal affairs, has woken up with a start. The nationalist threat has brought the party's executive out in front of the Government, demanding a Scottish assembly with independent powers.

Furthermore, the Scottish organization has discovered its own nationalist soul. It wants control over its affairs, whether in matters of party political deciding on policy and candidates.

The most remarkable conversion is in the party's attitude to devolution. From outright rejection by a small majority two years ago and subsequent pressure from Transport House in London to conform, the Scottish executive has actually moved to a demand for more devolution than the Government's White Paper envisages.

Without taking matters to a vote it decided it wanted to reduce the Secretary of State's veto powers over an assembly. It also wants full control of the Scottish Development Agency to go to the assembly.

"We think we have changed our minds for the right reasons", Mr James Allison, the party's assistant organizer, said. "We felt that since we started our devolution campaign, what was coming through from people was that they wanted changes. There is going to be an assembly: that's the reality; so we might as well have one with a wee bit of bite."

The party's Scottish opponents consider that a deathbed repentance. The chair to the left of Mr Allison in Keir Hardie House in Glasgow is empty. It belongs to Mr Neil Barnes, who has to avoid the need to run to London for facts. Mr Neil is now Secretary of the breakaway Scottish Labour Party, with two Labour MPs, another member of the executive, and a strongly devolutionist platform.

All Labour's seats are under pressure from the Scottish National Party. Several Labour-held municipal seats become vacant this spring, and two this week, in Edinburgh and Dunfermline, may fall to the SNP.

By-elections are now avidly watched. "Every time we hear of someone dying, I must admit we get a bit annoyed", said Mr Allison.

However, he says there has been a genuine change of heart. The executive's somersault is also designed to hold the party together at next month's conference in Troon. The party considers that the trade union movement and devolutionist constituency parties will support proposals for a strengthened White Paper.

The Scottish group of Labour MPs, which includes Mr David Lambie, a keen devolutionist, with Mr William Hamilton and Mr Tam Dalyell, who want to get their own, will also submit a document by the end of this month.

The MPs' attitudes will have to satisfy difficult demands—sufficiently devolutionist to steal SLP proposals but not too extreme to alienate English Labour MPs who must vote eventually on a Bill.

Although many party members in Scotland still suspect an assembly will erode their status as regional councillors, the newly discovered feeling for devolution has altered the character of the party's officials.

The recently appointed secretary, Mr James McGrandle, and the assistant organizer, Mr Allison, have progressive views. They talk freely of the threat to the party in Scotland. While the SLP is regarded more in sorrow than in anger, Mr Allison says: "Whether the Labour Party likes it or not, the Scottish National Party is a permanent danger to us in Scotland. We will have to work at winning their supporters back."

Whatever happens, the Labour Party is seeking a new autonomy. One Scottish MP says: "They have got a new self-respect. They summon us to them now, whereas before they might just send a timid little delegation." One official [illegible] when he hears Labour ministers say "English" in political broadcasts.

Mr Allison says far more political discussion about devolution and wider issues is going on throughout the party than ever before, adding: "We used to discuss at meetings in the past things like whether Mrs Smith got her toilet door fixed."

Those new attitudes come after years of pragmatic machine politics and when the party is in obvious danger. The Labour Party organization in Scotland can only hope, as the devolution debate becomes increasingly fluid, that its conversion has not come too late.

# Student dies in pothole fall

Stephen Nunwick, aged 19, of Croft Close, Braintree, Essex, died in a potholing accident on Saturday. A doctor was winched 450 feet down a shaft in the Oxlow Cavern near Castleton, Derbyshire, where Mr Nunwick, a student at Hull University, had been fatally injured in a fall.

Miss Christine Quigley, another student, from Redhill, Surrey, dislocated her shoulder in the fall and was taken to Buxton Cottage Hospital.

# Liberals complain about proposed education cuts

Mr Clement Freud, Liberal spokesman on education, said yesterday that he had protested to Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, about the proposed education cuts. He said he disagreed fundamentally with priorities that were being followed, "whereby you appear able and willing to spend money on forcing amalgamations upon reluctant schools but not on creating better teacher-pupil ratios, nor on the promised extension of nursery education".

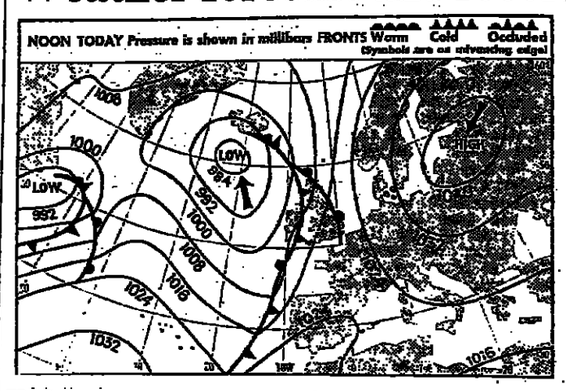
## Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Captain T. H. E. Baird to be promoted rear-admiral on July 7, and to be Chief of Staff to Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command in the acting rank of rear-admiral, in succession to Rear-Admiral R. D. Macdonald, in April.

Mr Peter Woon, editor of BBC Radio news, to be head of BBC publicity, succeeding Mr George Campey.

# Weather forecast and recordings



## Today

Sun rises: 7.1 am  Sun sets: 5.29 pm
Moon rises: 2.31 am  Moon sets: 11.8 am

New moon: February 29.
Lighting up: 5.39 pm to 6.28 am.
High water: London Bridge, 7.18 am, 6.4m (21.0ft); 7.54 pm, 6.2m (20.3ft). Avonmouth, 12.14 am 10.7m (35.1ft); 12.47 pm, 10.3m (33.8ft). Dover, 4.32 am, 5.8m (19.1ft); 5.18 pm, 5.5m (18.0ft). Hull, 11.56 am, 6.0m (19.7ft). Liverpool, 4.46 am, 7.9m (25.9ft); 5.22 pm, 7.6m (25.0ft).

Pressure is low W of the British Isles; troughs of low pressure will move NE across all districts.

**Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:**

London, SE, E England, East Anglia: Perhaps fog patches early, becoming cloudy with rain or drizzle at times; wind S, fresh; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Central S, SW, NW, Central N England, Midlands, Channel Islands, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll: Cloudy rain or drizzle and hill fog, clearing by about evening; wind S to SW fresh or strong, max temp 10°C (50°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: becoming dry in S, but with some overnight fog and frost. rain at times in N, bright intervals in most areas; normal temp.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind S to SW fresh or strong; sea moderate.

St George's Channel: Wind SW fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough.

Irish Sea: Wind SW strong to gale; sea rough.

**WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY:** c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

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| Athens | c | 11 | 52 | Copenhgn | c | 3 | 36 | Locarno | s | 11 | 52 | Nice | s | 14 | 57 |
| Barcelona | c | 14 | 57 | Dublin | c | 9 | 48 | London | c | 10 | 50 | Nicosia | s | 21 | 70 |
| Belfast | c | 9 | 48 | Edinburgh | c | 9 | 48 | Luxemborg | r | 7 | 45 | Oslo | c | 2 | 36 |
| Berlin | s | 4 | 39 | Florence | s | 14 | 57 | Madrid | r | 7 | 45 | Paris | c | 12 | 54 |
| Bermuda | c | 21 | 70 | Funchal | s | 19 | 66 | Majorca | r | 7 | 45 | Reykjavik | c | 1 | 34 |
| Biarritz | c | 12 | 54 | Geneva | s | 6 | 43 | Malaga | s | 17 | 63 | Rome | s | 14 | 57 |
| Birmingham | c | 9 | 48 | Gibraltar | s | 16 | 61 | Malta | r | 16 | 61 | Rotterdam | f | 7 | 45 |
| Bristol | c | 10 | 50 | Guernsey | c | 9 | 48 | Manchstr | r | 9 | 48 | Stockholm | c | 0 | 32 |
| Brussels | s | 5 | 41 | Helsinki | s | -1 | 30 | Miami | s | 24 | 75 | Venice | r | 12 | 54 |
| Budapest | s | 3 | 37 | Innsbruck | s | 8 | 46 | Moscow | c | -2 | 28 | Vienna | s | 4 | 39 |
| Cardiff | c | 9 | 48 | Istanbul | c | 8 | 46 | Munich | c | 0 | 32 | Warsaw | s | 2 | 36 |
| Chicago | c | -2 | 28 | Jersey | c | 9 | 48 | | | | | Zurich | c | 2 | 36 |

## Saturday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13°C (55°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5°C (41°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 73 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.0 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,018.7 millibars, rising.

## Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11°C (52°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9°C (48°F). Humidity, 6 pm 80 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.01in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,022.5 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

**Overseas selling prices**

Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, Fr 9; Canaries, Pes 40; Denmark, Dkr 3.50; Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Fr 1.50; Germany, Dmk 1.00; Greece, Dr 25; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 250; Luxembourg, Lfr 30; Madeira, Esc 17.50; Malta, 9c; Norway, Kr 1.00; Portugal, Esc 30; Spain, Pes 30; Sweden, Skr 1.75; Switzerland, Sfr 1.50; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Dm 3.

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# Miss Lestor explains why she resigned

By Our Political Staff

Miss Joan Lestor, who resigned on Saturday as Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Education and Science, said yesterday that her position at the department was in conflict with her membership of the Labour Party National Executive Committee and the education policy subcommittee.

Interviewed yesterday in the independent television programme *Weekend World*, she said: "I have chaired the Labour Party working group on education for a long time now and it just seemed to me that I could not cope with the position where I would be on the one hand meeting various colleagues and various educational specialists in the movement, saying 'Now let us plan our programme and our policies for the next year or two', and at the same time go along and say, 'But the other lot that we planned and worked so hard on over the last few years: I am afraid we are not going to do very much about them because you see we having the cuts'."

She did not believe the Labour Party had ever really got to grips with the importance of education in the modern world.

Miss Lestor's letter of resignation to the Prime Minister said:

Dear Harold: After a lot of thought I have come to the conclusion that I can no longer support the Government in the way expected of a minister. While the matter has come to a head with the educational cuts (I believe investment in education is as important as investment in industry) I have in fact not been happy about the direction of some policies for some time.

In view of this I feel I can best serve the party in my capacity as a backbencher and by my work on the NEC. I am grateful to you for the opportunities you gave me to serve as a member of two of your administrations. Yours sincerely, Joan.

Mr Wilson replied:

My dear Joan: Thank you for your letter of which I have received the text. I am naturally sorry that you have come to this conclusion, though it was clear to me that you were considering it and indeed would have done so on an earlier occasion some months ago.

I should like to thank you for your valuable services to the Government and country in two departments of state, at Education and Science now and in the sixties, and also in the Foreign and Commonwealth Relations Office. I should like to add my best wishes for the future.

## Offer for theatre

Lincoln City Council has offered to buy the city's Theatre Royal, which is in the hands of a liquidator, for £27,500.

## River poison test

Tests today will disclose if the river Nene is clear of cyanide which was discharged accidentally into a tributary at Corby, Northamptonshire.

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